

GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
MICHIGAN

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 18, 2023 - 8:18 a.m.
233 Fulton Street East

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hawkins. Other members present: Vice Chairman David Tryc, Mr. Martin Timkovich, Mr. William Butts, and Ms. Donijo DeJonge. Absent: Mr. Phillip Mitchell and Mr. Nathaniel Moody.

Also present: Ms. Peggy Korzen, Executive Director of the Retirement System and Mr. Thomas Michaud, Legal Advisor to the Board.

Mr. Butts made the motion to excuse the absences of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Moody. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Tryc and carried.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

This special meeting was called to review the disability retiree re-examination of Mr. John Woodard.

Ms. Korzen next presented an update on the disability retiree re-examination of Mr. John Woodard. Now that the issue with IME-PC has been resolved, Trustees will need to decide how to proceed with Mr. Woodard's re-examination process. Trustees had wanted some clarification on the report from the IME-PC doctor; however, due to the issues encountered throughout that process, the Retirement System will not use that doctor again. Ms. Korzen provided Trustees with a recap on Mr. Woodard's re-examination process. Ms. Korzen asked Trustees if, due to the circumstances, this doctor should be disqualified. Mr. Michaud agreed that it would not be prudent to go back to the IME-PC doctor and stated that Trustees are starting back at square one with Mr. Woodard's process as the Retirement System does not have a doctor's opinion that they have confidence in nor do Trustees have the supplemental information that they were requesting; therefore, Trustees do not have the information needed to make a decision. Mr. Butts agreed and asked if it would be a records review or IME with a new doctor; Ms. Korzen stated that would be at the doctor's discretion. Following Trustees discussion, Vice Chairman Tryc made the motion to disqualify Dr. Grof's report and to start the re-examination process over for Mr. John Woodard with a new physician. The motion was seconded by Mr. Timkovich and carried.

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Peggy Korzen
Executive Director
General Retirement System