

POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
MICHIGAN

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 – 10:39 a.m.
233 Fulton Street East

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hawkins. Other members present: Mr. Philip Balkema, Ms. Donijo DeJonge, and Mr. William Fabiano. Absent: Vice Chairman Justin Ewald, Mr. Drew Robbins, and Ms. Holly Jackson.

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

Ms. DeJonge made the motion to excuse the absences of Vice Chairman Ewald, Mr. Robbins, and Ms. Jackson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fabiano and carried.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Moved by Mr. Balkema and seconded by Mr. Fabiano, the following administrative items were approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2024.
- The following Resolution No. 872.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System has received a request for one Non-Duty Disability retirement from the following member of the plan:

Non-Duty Disability Retirement:

Nathan J. Fynewever, retired August 21, 2024 from the Police Department as a Police Officer,

Credited Service: Nineteen years

Mr. Fynewever has an EDRO with alternate payee, Sarah M. Tanis.

RESOLVED, that the retirement be approved.

- KEIP participant: The Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System has received a request by one member of the plan to enter the KEIP Program:

KEIP Entry

<u>Christopher L. Bernardo</u> ,	Police Officer
KEIP Date:	October 4, 2024
Tentative KEIP End Date:	October 3, 2029
KEIP Benefit:	\$5,098.92

- Payment of administrative expenses of \$5,426.61 for the period 08/01/24 – 08/31/24.
- **Custody Fees:** The attached invoice from Northern Trust divides the quarter ending 09/30/24 fee as follows:

Benefit Payments	\$4,801.13
GASB 67 Performance	\$162.50
Custody	<u>\$8,125.00</u>
Total	\$13,088.63

- Payment of Legal Services fees of \$4,572.80 to VanOverbeke, Michaud & Timmony, P.C. for the period 01/01/24 – 06/30/24.

The motion carried.

Ms. Korzen next presented a report of Cash Account transfers for the period 10/01/24 – 12/31/24. The Retirement Systems Office staff projected a need for \$2,700,000 to be transferred to the cash account as follows: \$900,000 on October 1st, \$900,000 on November 1st and \$900,000 on December 2nd. Ms. Korzen recommended, and Mariner agreed, making the transfers as follows:

October 1 st	NTAM	\$900,000
November 1 st	To be determined	\$900,000
December 2 nd	To be determined	<u>\$900,000</u>
Total		\$2,700,000

The report was received and filed by the Chairman.

Ms. Korzen presented the Public Act 314 Asset Analysis showing a market value of \$522,139,557 on July 31, 2024. The report was received and filed by the Chairman.

Ms. Korzen next addressed the 13th Check calculations by noting that the five-year average book value rate of return was 7.84% for the Police & Fire Retirement System. Per City Code, in order for a 13th Check to be issued, the five-year average market value rate of return must exceed 8.0%. Therefore, there are not sufficient reserves to issue a 13th Check on January 31, 2025. The report was received and filed by Chairman Hawkins.

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

Ms. Korzen noted that the Annual Accounting for the General Retirement System for the period 07/01/23 – 06/30/24 was ready to be reviewed as well as the Annual Accounting for the Police & Fire Retirement System for the period 01/01/23 – 12/31/23. She noted that it was decided by Trustees to review the Annual Accountings of both retirement systems at the same time each year, and therefore a committee should be established. Chairman Hawkins appointed Vice Chairman Ewald and Ms. Jackson to serve. Chairman Hawkins noted that Ms. Korzen will coordinate a date to review the accountings and the Trustees will report their findings to the Board at a future Board meeting.

Chairman Hawkins thanked the retiree for his service to the City of Grand Rapids and wished him well in his retirement.

Ms. Korzen noted that the term of office for Mr. William Fabiano will be expiring the first Monday in 2025. The election process has begun and nominating petitions are due in the Retirement Systems office

by this Friday. Mr. Fabiano has been the only person to request a nominating petition thus far. She will keep Trustees informed of the progress in the election process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

The next Police & Fire Retirement System Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., 233 Fulton Street East, Suite 216, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Peggy Korzen
Executive Director
Police & Fire Retirement System