

**POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
888 South Andrews Avenue, Suite 202
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 12:30 PM**

Board Members

Ken Rudominer, Chair	P
Derek Joseph, Vice Chair	P
Scott Bayne, Secretary	P
Jeff Cameron, Trustee	P
Scott Moseley, Trustee	P
Dennis Hole, Trustee	P
John Morale, Trustee	P

Also Present

Lynn Wenguer, Executive Director	Linda Short, Finance Director
Alexandra Goyes, Deputy Director	Paul Vande Berge, Deputy Director- Finance
Fred Nesbit, Communication Director	Steve Schott, CAPTRUST
Lindsey Garber, Board Attorney	James Chioffe, IAFF Vice President
Officer Arthur Jennings	Keith Costa, IAFF
Jason Fox, attorney for Mr. Jennings, Via Microsoft Teams	

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM. Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

***Note:** Mr. Morale had yet to be sworn in as a trustee and therefore did not vote on any items.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting: January 8, 2025

Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Mosely to approve the Minutes of the Board's January 8, 2025 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

NEW HIRES:

Chair Rudominer welcomed the new hires.

BENEFITS:

FIRE DEPT:	New Retiree:(DROP Termination):	Jeffrey A. Lucas Essar O. Adejola
	DROP Retiree:	Daniel J. Moran

		Tuyle Denman
		Thomas E. Fillyaw
		Garrett R. Pingol
	Member Termination:	Michael Garcia
	Survivor Death:	Barbara Robson
		Caroline Peart
POLICE DEPT:	DROP Retiree:	Henri D. Saint-Jean
	Self-Directed DROP Retiree:	Laurie Arthur
		Michael Gaffey
		Pascal France
	Member Termination:	Matthew Mejias
		Nickes Demetrius
	Retiree Death:	Radford Fox

Ms. Wenguer stated there was an error in Garret Pingol's report. Mr. Bayne explained the difference between buying service and buying up the max cap and said Mr. Pingol's benefit should be corrected and come back at a future meeting for approval. Chair Rudominer acknowledged a difference in terminology that was confusing and discussed Jeff Lucas's information.

Motion made by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Hole, to pull Mr. Pingol's approval from the list, to be corrected and approved at a future meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve payment of the remaining benefits subject to future revisions. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS:

Waycross	\$121,279.86
Vaughan Nelson	\$79,426.14
William Blair	\$64,786.78
Northern Trust	\$53,710.32
Westfield	\$53,318.08
Boyd Watterson	\$46,098.00
Agincourt	\$44,523.08
Chatham	\$20,703.82
Rhumblin	\$15,518.00
Klausner, Kaufman	\$3,500.00
Dr. Cornel J. Lupu	\$2,750.00

Motion made by Mr. Mosely, seconded by Mr. Hole, to approve payment of the bills as presented. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC/ INPUT FROM ACTIVE & RETIRED

POLICE OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS:

None

Service Incurred Disability Hearing: Officer Arthur Jennings

Ms. Garber described the process, reviewed the application and summarized the case history. The three IMEs had found Mr. Jennings to be permanently and totally disabled. Jason Fox, Mr. Jennings's attorney, said the IME doctors were unanimous, so there was competent, substantial evidence regarding his client's permanent, total disability. Mr. Jennings could not perform the duties of a law enforcement officer. Mr. Bayne confirmed the city had no permanent light duty positions. Ms. Garber recommended a motion to grant the service-incurred disability because the medical evidence indicated the applicant was totally and permanently disabled and that the disability was service-connected.

Motion made by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Moseley, to grant the service-incurred disability, because the disability was total, permanent, and service-incurred, effective 2/12/25. In a roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

CAPTRUST:

Steve Schott

Quarterly Investment Review:

Board members were provided hard copies of the presentation.

Mr. Schott provided a Power Point presentation. He said they had made noticeable adjustments pursuant to recent information from illiquid managers. He discussed government real estate and "mission critical" government buildings among Boyd Watterson's assets. Mr. Schott said some real estate investors were getting into a queue to request withdrawal of their investments in the future. He agreed to provide details at the next meeting and noted there was no downside to joining a queue. Chair Rudominer suggested getting in queues for their other real estate managers. Mr. Schott He confirmed that Boyd Watterson had a much longer time frame than other real estate managers.

Mr. Morale argued for a simpler investment strategy with fewer managers and noted that this would save on managers' fees. Mr. Schott described the Fund's asset allocation and said diversification was key. Chair Rudominer said the Board had tailored the asset allocation to meet the assumed rate of return with the least risk possible.

Motion made by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to get in line for withdrawal from Boyd Watterson and GSA. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schott recommended investing \$5 million each in Affiliated and Taurus. Mr. Hole asked about the Taurus Private Equity Fund II they had planned to invest in as of March or April and Chair Rudominer said they were just moving it up to February. Mr. Schott agreed to bring the pacing model to the next meeting. Ms. Garber said Affiliated Fund II would close in March so they should begin the process.

Motion was made by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Mosely, to put \$5 million each in Affiliated Fund II and Taurus Private Equity Fund II. In a roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

Plan Advisors Subcommittee Meeting

Chair Rudominer said the Board had not reviewed advisors in five years. They intended to review the investment consultant, the Board attorney, the actuary, the auditor, and the custodial bank. They would start with the investment consultant because the Fund's performance over the past decade or so had been "called into question." Chair Rudominer and Mr. Mosely had also discussed Ms. Wenguer's evaluation, and they needed to conduct another member survey.

Ms. Short said the evaluation was a good idea but they should also do a market analysis regarding fees before considering RFP.

Chair Rudominer said "outside voices" had indicated the Fund was underperforming and the Board needed to consider if this was due to the consultant or due to the Board's direction.

Mr. Morale said he agreed with a risk-averse portfolio. He described his experience in financial services and private equity.

Chair Rudominer said not acting, once someone had alleged that the Fund was not performing as it should, it could be seen as a breach of the Board's fiduciary duties.

Mr. Bayne recalled the Board used to stagger the reviews. Ms. Wenguer recalled they had realized during past reviews that she had more interaction with the consultants than the Board members did. She added that changing a consultant could be a very big deal and it was not guaranteed they would get someone better. Mr. Hole liked using a "report card" instead of an RFP. He said it was unfair to start with an RFP because so far, no one had brought up any specific issues with the consultant. Mr. Bayne wanted individual Board members and staff to complete a score card.

Motion made by Mr. Mosely, seconded by Mr. Hole, to recommend an RFP investment consultant. In a roll call vote, motion **failed** 2-4 with Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Hole opposed.

Motion made by Mr. Hole, seconded by Mr. Bayne, for members to list concerns they wished the consultant to address and send them to Ms. Wenguer to compile for the next meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rudominer discussed how their investments had evolved based on their consultant's advice on how to meet the assumed rate of return.

Mr. Schott said CAPTRUST had achieved the milestone of \$1 trillion in managed funds in June 2024. He credited their team.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Lindsey Garber

Paul Ryan

Ms. Garber said they had received some, but not all records needed to determine if there was a work nexus regarding Paul Ryan's crimes which would determine forfeiture.

Code of Conduct

Ms. Garber said a paragraph in the City's Code of Conduct indicated that the Board must take the best interests of Fort Lauderdale residents first, but Mr. Klausner had opined that the Board's responsibility was to the Plan members and beneficiaries. She advised members not to sign it.

Ordinance Re-write

Ms. Garber said Mr. Klausner would contact the new City Manager once she has joined the city.

Other items

Mr. Hole requested an update on the list he had asked Mr. Klausner to compile regarding the status of all class action suits in which the Board was involved.

Ms. Garber said Mr. Klausner had indicated the Board would pass on GQG and Ms. Wenguer confirmed it. Ms. Garber said they were identifying alternatives.

Mr. Morale left the meeting at 2:47.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fred Nesbitt

Mr. Nesbitt congratulated staff on the excellent Retirement Planning Seminar. He announced the Board would have its group photo for the annual report taken at the March meeting. Mr. Nesbitt remarked on the amount of misinformation circulating on the Social Security Fairness Act.

Chair Rudominer said he would not be available for the April meeting. The Board agreed to move the meeting to April 16.

Board members discussed allowing members to attend the meetings via Zoom and voting via Zoom and decided to make no changes to the existing policy.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Self-Directed DROP Late Request

Ms. Wenguer said one person had not met the deadline due to being on Family Medical Leave and had requested to be allowed to transfer his funds now. Ms. Garber said the Board had an administrative rule dictating a 90-day transfer period and allowing this would create a precedent. Chair Rudominer asked Ms. Wenguer to confirm the member was not available for the entire 90-day period. Ms. Wenguer agreed to create a timeline for the Board to review.

Retirement Seminar

Ms. Wenguer said the seminars had received great reviews. She said they had not invited General Employees to the Retirement Seminar this year. Mr. Bayne said he preferred this way because it was more specific to their members. Mr. Nesbitt liked the smaller space where participants could interact.

PENDING ITEMS:

New Business:

None

Old Business:


Ms. Wenguer agreed to distribute the customer survey and her review form to Board members for the next meeting. Then they could decide if all Board members would review Ms. Wenguer or just the Chair.

Mr. Mosely asked how staff confirmed that a beneficiary was alive, and Ms. Wenguer explained that every three years, they sent letters to all members and this year, they had received all but three back, and those they had later confirmed. They also received reports every week from PBI and Northern Trust ran its own list twice per year.

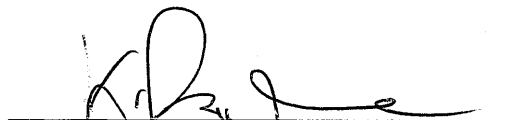
Ms. Short said the city had still not received information from the GERS actuary regarding Ms. Wenguer's buyback and the deadline was March 31. Ms. Wenguer said she had met with the actuary twice and made her aware of the deadline. Ms. Garber agreed to contact the actuary.

Schedule A

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.



Secretary



Chairman

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.