

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHATTANOOGA FIRE & POLICE PENSION FUND

February 20, 2020

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees held on the 20th day of February 2019, President Joe Shaw presided. The meeting was held at the Pension Office, 6009 John Douglass Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

The meeting convened at 0904 hours with board members Joe Shaw, Britt Bradshaw, Nathan Vaughn, Kelly Simmons, Phillip McClain and Chris Hopkins. Attorney Bill Robinson was also present. Charlie Thomason was an excused absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Nathan Vaughn to approve the minutes of the February 06, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Fire Captain Jerry Copeny appeared before the Board to submit his application for a job-related disability. Captain Copeny is currently on light duty and has provided all necessary documentation. The Board accepted his application and noted this could be a lengthy process.

Steve Roth of Dahab Associates appeared before the Board to provide the 4Q 2019 performance report. Please refer to the Investment Report section for additional details.

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Bill Robinson updated the Board on the status of the request for a private letter ruling from the IRS regarding the tax exemption of survivor's benefits in regard to job-related deaths and disabilities. Katrina Abbott informed the Board the Fund has received a large volume of documents from Wells Fargo, which are under review and will be a lengthy process.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Motion by Britt Bradshaw and seconded by Nathan Vaughn to approve the following membership items:

REMOVE FROM THE ROLLS:

- Retired Fire Battalion Chief James Lee Jones, effective 02/29/2020, passed away 02/10/2020 (2-411)

ADD TO THE ROLLS:

- Helen C. Jones, surviving spouse of Retired Fire Battalion Chief James Lee Jones, effective 03/01/2020 (2-411)

REFUND CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Former Police Officer Hans Anderson, terminated 02/07/2020, adjusted participation date of 11/18/2015 (2-413)
- Former Firefighter Engineer Stephanie Mason, terminated 02/10/2020, adjusted participation date of 01/11/2014 (2-413)

PAY DEATH BENEFITS:

- Helen C. Jones, designated beneficiary of retired Fire Battalion Chief James Lee Jones (2-411)

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the bills paid since the last meeting.

Attorney Bill Robinson explained to the Board that he also sits on the Board for Sculpture Fields of Montague Park, a Non-Profit Organization. Sculpture Fields of Montague Park has just attained its own building and is trying to locate furnishings. Bill Robinson asked if the Board would consider donating its previous conference table that has been in storage for several years. Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Chris Hopkins to donate the requested item. Motion carried unanimously.

Katrina Abbott discussed an issue that arose with disability applicants facing possible termination of employment and the potential loss of health insurance prior to a disability determination being finalized. Katrina Abbott was able to speak with officials with the City of Chattanooga and explain the Fund's disability process, which is typically not completed in a short time frame and any termination of employment and loss of health insurance coverage could be a detriment to the member. Members will now be placed on leave without pay until a decision has been made regarding disability by the Fund.

Policy committee will meet after adjournment of the regular Board meeting today.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Steve Roth of Dahab Associates presented the 4Q-2020 performance summary. As of December 31, 2019, the Fund has returned 6.2% for the quarter and 20.1% for the trailing twelve-month period. The performance summary does not include updated results from private equity managers. Dahab recommended reallocating \$3 million from Vanguard Mid-Cap and \$1 million from AQR Emerging Markets to Johnson Institutional Core Fixed Income. Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Phillip McClain to approve Dahab's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA NOTES

- City of Chattanooga Employer Contributions received for Feb. 13, 2020 (\$791,819.59)
- City of Chattanooga Employee Contributions received for Feb. 13, 2020 (\$177,622.42)
- CARTA Parking Fees received for Jan. 2020 (\$7,150.00)
- Fire Engineer David Ruffin reinstated by the Chattanooga Fire Department effective 02/05/2020 (did not purchase prior service – categorized as Series A member)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, motion by Phillip McClain and seconded by Chris Hopkins to adjourn at 1001 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathan Vaughn, Secretary

Date Approved: 3-19-2020



Joe Shaw, President

<u>Visitors not Appearing Before the Board</u>	
Ron Boyd	Michael Hart
Jim DePrimo	Don Bickford
Wayne Morris	