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BOARD OF PENSION TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021

The meeting of the Governance Committee was called to order by Dale Stratton, Acting Chair, at 10:15 a.m. via video and teleconferencing.

Members Present

Tom Shaw
Dale Stratton
George Saxon
Jim Burke
Pam Tikellis

Members Absent

Others Present

Joanna Adams, Pension Office
Jodie Wedel, Pension Office
Jamie Mayan, Pension Office
Ann Marie Johnson, Deputy Attorney General
Ryan Connell, Deputy Attorney General

1. OPENING COMMENTS

D. Stratton welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION made by P. Tikellis and seconded by G. Saxon to approve the Public Minutes of May 14, 2021.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION made by G. Saxon and seconded by J. Burke to approve the Executive Minutes of May 14, 2021 with changes.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PENSION ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Legislation

Ms. Adams reported SB 74 introduced by Sen. McBride. This Act relates to the police and fire pension fund provisions of Chapter 7, Title 18 of the Delaware Code. The Act clarifies that an eligible retiree must be alive on July 1 of each biennial payout year in order to receive the payment provided for in Section 708 of Chapter 7. SB 74 was passed on June 23rd and is waiting on the governor's signature.

Ms. Adams also noted HB 79 with HA 1 introduced by Rep. Brady. This Act provides that the amount of ordinary or disability pension payable to a 9-1-1 operator includes 2.45% of the 9-1-1 operator's final average compensation multiplied by years of service above 25 years, the same multiplier as applied to correctional officers and specified peace officers. This bill passed on June 22nd and is waiting on the governor's signature.

She also noted that HB 80 was introduced into legislation. This Bill is spearheaded by the Speaker of the House, Representative Peter Schwartzkopf. This is an act to change the multiplier for correctional officers and specified peace officers. This bill is rather expensive and impacts 2400 employees. This bill passed and is waiting on the governor.

SB 14 introduced by Sen. Ennis. This bill provides a mechanism to grant pension increases to retired State Employees, retired Judges, and retired "New" State police. This bill dedicates a minimum of 3.0% of payroll to be deposited annually to the Post Retirement Fund. The bill also provides for biennial pension increases beginning July 1, 2021. This legislation increases the unfunded liability by \$1 billion and was released from committee the day before. This bill did not pass. Retirees were granted a PRI it was tiered for date of retirement from 3% to 1%.

Vacant Positions

Ms. Adams reported very positive news. Over the last two months we have hired six positions. Four Human Resources Specialist I, one Human Resources Specialist III, and one Human Resource Information Specialist III. These positions start on August 30th. Office Manager has been reclassified and posted. Still reclassing the Administrative Specialist II position. One Human Resources Specialist I has posted, and we posted a Human Resources Specialist V Limited Term to manage our five limited term positions.

Ms. Adams also mentioned we have changed our recruitment approach, which is working out for us.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Investment Committee

Nothing to report.

Audit Committee

Nothing to report.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE

Ms. Johnson reported Board Regulations received no public comments and would be effective October 1st.

MOTION made by P. Tikellis and seconded by G. Saxon to enter into Executive Session to consider pension personnel matters, and confidential medical records, legal matters, sensitive commercial information, proprietary business information, trade secrets and confidential financial information.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION made by J. Burke and seconded by G. Saxon to exit Executive Session.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

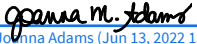
The next Governance Committee meeting will be on November 3rd. We will send a list of proposed dates for the next year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:09 p.m. there being no further business, **MOTION** was made by G. Saxon and seconded by J. Burke to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,


Joanna Adams (Jun 13, 2022 15:00 EDT)
Joanna M. Adams
Pension Administrator