

**CITY PENSION FUND FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS
IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

967TH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 17, 2024

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PROVIDED WITHOUT ATTACHMENTS.***

***ALL ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR REVIEW AT THE FIRE & POLICE
PENSION OFFICE.***

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Chairman Johnson.

Board members physically present and by videoconference were as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

David J. Frazier, Jr.
Paul D. Johnson
Dwight M. Nicholas

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steven L. Feldman
Daniel D. Molina

ADMINISTRATION

Hernan D. Cardeno
Tameka Otto Stewart

Absent was:

James D. Nolan

- Police Department

Present were:

Stuart A. Kaufman, Esq.
Donna Brito
Frank Estevez
Myriame Jean-Baptiste
Clara La Rosa

- Attorney, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson (KKJL)
- Executive Director
- Assistant Director
- Pension Administrator
- Office Manager

Also present was:

Brendon Vavrica, CFP

- Senior Institutional Advisor, Mariner

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – September 19, 2024

Minutes from the regular board meeting were distributed as part of the agenda packet. Trustee Molina made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholas and unanimously carried.

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees – October 15, 2024

Continuation of the Informal Service-Connected Disability Hearing for Former Police Officer Christopher A. Marin

A motion was made by Trustee Frazier to add the Special Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024, to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholas and unanimously carried. (Attachment #2)

Minutes from the Special Meeting were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Trustee Molina made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholas and unanimously carried.

COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION

The following members, who were retired under the DROP program, resigned from City employment effective September 30, 2024. They are eligible to commence their monthly pension in accordance with the Miami Beach Code, Section 66(a) and Section 79.

CLASSIFICATION	NAME OF MEMBER	DATE OF RETIREMENT	DATE OF RESIGNATION	COMMENCEMENT OF MONTHLY PENSION
Police Officer	Alkareem A. Azim	10/01/16	09/30/24	10/01/24
Police Sergeant	Robert Hernandez	06/01/17	09/30/24	10/01/24
Police Sergeant	Timothy S. Houser	10/01/16	09/30/24	10/01/24
Police Officer	Manuel Valdes	04/01/23	09/30/24	10/01/24

Secretary Feldman made a motion to approve the commencement of pension for Officer Azim, Sergeant Hernandez, Sergeant Houser and Officer Valdes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Frazier and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

The Financial Warrants were emailed to the Board for their review prior to the meeting.

Trustee Molina made a motion to accept the Financial Warrants #5383-5391 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholas and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1)

COUNSEL

Memorandum from KKJL dated October 1, 2024, regarding New Florida Laws – Sections 287.138 and 787.06, Florida Statutes

Attorney Kaufman discussed KKJL memorandum dated October 1, 2024, regarding two new administrative laws that impose new contract requirements on Florida governmental entities. (Attachment #3)

- Effective July 1, 2024, FL§ 787.06 requires municipal agencies, governments, and anyone contracting with a pension fund to sign an affidavit verifying that they do not engage in human trafficking. In addition, when a fund renews a contract with a vendor, a "Human Trafficking Affidavit" must be completed and signed.
- Beginning January 1, 2024, FL§ 287.138 requires that anytime a pension fund sends out an RFP or contracts with an entity that will have access to personal and/or identifying information of its members, that entity must complete a "Company Not an Entity of a Foreign Country of Concern" affidavit verifying that they are not owned by a foreign government.

MARINER
BRENDON VAVRICA, CFP – SENIOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVISOR

Non-Core Real Estate Program

1. **Non-Core Real Estate Pricing Study**
2. **Non-Core Real Estate Manager Search – Discussion and possible action**

Chairman Johnson deferred this item to the November 2024 meeting since David Julier could not attend in person.

Review of DROP Plan Pricing – Flat Fee Proposals vs. Revenue Share

In May 2024 Mr. Vavrica explained that during discussions with both Voya and Nationwide, he had inquired about modifying the existing pricing relationship. The Board directed Mr. Vavrica to get new pricing quotes from Voya, Nationwide and other providers, to look at modifying the pricing from a revenue share to a flat fee platform given the demographics and asset levels of the DROP plans.

Mr. Vavrica discussed the Flat Fee Pricing Proposals in detail. Under the flat fee platform, there is a significant fee savings. In addition, the Board would have access to thousands of funds to choose from, which may include the cheapest index funds and an additional universe of other active options to explore. A secondary advantage of more funds to choose from is a member may have the ability to partner with an advisor via a self-directed brokerage option (SDBO), if allowed. Mr. Vavrica explained that if the Board decides to convert to the flat fee platform, then there will be a significant transition of funds.

After various discussions, the Board directed Mr. Vavrica to proceed with converting the existing pricing relationship with Voya and Nationwide to the flat fee platform. After the contracts are completed, a committee will be appointed to overhaul the fund lineup and establish the administrative conversion details. (Attachment #4)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Annual Required Contributions

The Director confirmed that the City's required contribution of \$55,019,105 and the Share Plan's required combined contribution of \$120,549 for FY 2024-2025 have been received.

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – November 12, 2024

Director Brito stated that the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) would once again like to have the pension administrators from the Fire and Police Pension and the General Employees' Pension attend their next meeting on November 12, 2024, in person at the City Manager's large conference room. A standing motion allows the Director to invite a representative from both Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company and Mariner to also attend the meeting and to be compensated at their respective hourly rates.

For the Board's information, the following items were distributed as either part of the agenda or meeting packet:

- A. Administrative Budget
- B. Management Fees Fiscal Year vs. Budget

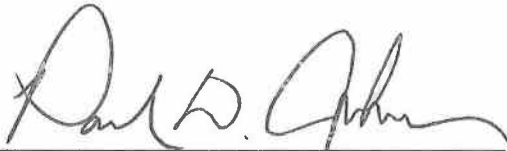
OTHER BUSINESS

On a separate note, Secretary Feldman sought to assess the Board's interest in organizing an educational workshop with City representatives from Fire, Police and Human Resources regarding processes leading up to a member's application for disability. The Board would like to understand a member's full journey from initial injury, through worker's compensation medical assessment and treatment, collective bargaining provisions, and all events before a member is terminated for medical reasons. In addition, the City's departments need to understand how their actions affect the Board's ability to grant or deny a total, permanent, service-connected or non-service-connected disability.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to arrange a workshop in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cardeno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Otto Stewart and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.



Paul D. Johnson, Chairman



Steven L. Feldman, Secretary