



FCERS: PENSION BOARD REPORT

APRIL 8, 2020

Submitted by:

Wanda Messina, Retiree Trustee, Position # 10

E.A. (Skip) Platt, Retiree Trustee, Position # 6

Gary Stiles, Retiree Trustee, Position # 7

Andrew Stephens, Active Trustee, Position # 8

Dan Bowman, Retiree Trustee, Position # 9

- Due to the corona virus situation, this meeting of the Pension Board was teleconferenced. The Pension Resolution segment regarding our meetings reads as follows: **The Pension Board shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman and shall hold at least one public meeting during each month at the courthouse or the county administration building,** However, the law does allow in special circumstances for teleconferencing to take place. It is likely that our meeting on May 13, 2020 will also be teleconferenced.
- Commissioner Bob Ellis was present at this meeting due to his recent appointment by the Board of County Commissioners to the Pension Board. He has not been sworn in yet, so he did not participate in the voting, but he will be sworn in at the next Pension Board meeting.
- Minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting were ratified.
- New pension applications (4) were approved:
Public Works: Geraldo Banks
Beneficiaries: Martha Baxter, Mary J. Potrubacz, Susan K. Smith
- The Pension Administrator reported that all paperwork has now been turned in on the three retirees on disability that their checks had been stopped due to disability certification not being turned in on time. Ms. Brown asked for authority to now issue those checks and approval was given.
- The Pension Administrator reported that 45 retirees still receive paper checks. Due to the corona virus situation, the County has been closed and since those checks need to be completed manually, their checks were not issued on time. All those retirees were called personally to let them know. However, the Finance Department wants approval to proceed with requiring those 45 retirees to either go to direct deposit, or have their funds placed on a bank card. If funds are placed on a bank card, the Pension Board will have to sign an agreement with the bank. The Board approved notifying those retirees that they will now be required to make a choice of going to direct deposit or bank card.
- Andrew Stephens, temporary Chairman of the Election Committee, reported that due to the County being closed, the election for Trustee Position # 6 will be postponed until a later date. Once active employees are able to return to work, this matter will be brought before the full Board again and new dates decided for mailing of notice of candidacy forms and mailing of ballots.
- Bryce Riddle reported that there are currently **3,214** retirees, and **194** active employees in the defined benefit plan.

- Andrew Stephens, Chair of the Education Committee, reported that the NEPC training in April has been cancelled. Once everyone has been able to return to work, rescheduling of the training will be discussed. GAPPT training and NCPERS training conferences were also cancelled.
- The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Balance for the month ending February 29, 2020 was presented. **FUND BALANCE IS \$1,325,200,105**. The system returned **-12.43%** for the month of February.
- Mr. Riddle reported a contribution of **\$11,617,029** from Fulton County for the month of February 2020.
- The 2020 Actuarial Valuation Review was presented by Segal, the consultant under contract with the County to do this review. Here are some of the key points from that review: 1) The recommended contribution from Fulton County for 2020 is **\$66.2** million 2) The County contributed 100% of their required funding for 2019 and is in compliance with State of Georgia funding standards 3) The number of current retirees is projected to decline by over 20% over the next 10 years 4) In 25 years, the total number of retirees is projected to be 40% of current count 5) The total annual benefits paid out will grow until 2029 due to COLAs and new retirements, and then start to decline 6) If investment returns are at -20% at the end of the year due to problems in the market because of corona virus, and if there is not a substantial bounce back in the market, the contribution required from the County to keep the Plan actuarially sound will double 7) Benefit payments will increase over the next 9 years and will peak and then start to decline 8) In approximately 40 years, it is expected there will be around 270 retirees still receiving benefits
- The following **10** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<u>Commissioners:</u>	Lois Shell
<u>DFACS:</u>	Mary Anthony, Otis Rowan
<u>District Attorney</u>	Charles Smegal
<u>Human Services:</u>	Donna Robinson
<u>Information & Tech:</u>	Gordon Flippo
<u>Land:</u>	Winston Parker
<u>Mental Health:</u>	Annie Elston
<u>Sheriff:</u>	Detri Houston
<u>Superior Court:</u>	Toni Douglas

Meeting adjourned.