



# FCERS: Pension Board

## FEBRUARY 8, 2023 MEETING

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
- Elaine Greer, Retiree Trustee, Position # 9

Pension Board meetings continue to be teleconferenced via Zoom. The next meeting will be March 8, 2023.

- Minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting were ratified.
- Commissioners were sworn in for their one-year terms. Commissioners Khadijah Abdur-Rahman and Bob Ellis have been serving on the Board and were reappointed. Commissioner Dana Barrett, a newly-elected Commissioner was also appointed – the Board welcomes them and looks forward to their significant contributions.
- The Board approved **5** new pension applications:

Sheriff: Santrice Hunt, Maurice Love  
Tax Commissioner: Marion Dukes  
Beneficiaries: Larry Carter, Bertha Graham

- Election Committee Chair E. A. "Skip" Platt announced that the Notice of Candidacy forms for two trustee positions would be mailed out by 2/13/2023 for the following positions:

Peace Officer Retiree Position # 7, currently held by Gary Stiles  
Retiree Position # 10, currently held by Wanda Messina

Clear instructions are written on the forms for submitting your name as a candidate. Deadline for submission is February 27, 2023. Candidates will be verified, and ballots will be prepared for mailing out in late March. A contract was approved with Resource Management Centers LLC to mail out the ballots, count the votes and certify election results to the Pension Board.

- Bryce Riddle reported a fund balance of **\$1,319,471,023** as of **December 31, 2022**. Fulton County has contributed **\$67,728,468** as of the same date.
- Bryce Riddle reported that there are currently **3,079** retirees, and **93** active employees in the Defined Benefit plan (**14** of those are fully vested).
- Bryce Riddle reported that **\$2,217,853** has been recovered for the Plan in securities litigation since 2007.
- Our Consultant, Keith Stronkowsky, of NEPC, presented the quarterly report on our Plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022. The Plan earned 6.7% at the end of the year, but the 1-year period was at minus 11%

- Malachi Waterman presented the results of the five-year actuarial experience study

**Highlights of Findings in this Study:**

- The Board’s decision in January 2023 to reduce the discount rate assumption from 6.90% to 6.80% has 3x the impact on liability as all of the other recommended changes from the experience study combined.
- Mortality experience was within 2% of expected for healthy annuitants.
- There were more reduced retirements than expected but fewer unreduced retirements.
- Average salary increases were in line with expectations for public safety workers and slightly larger than expected for non-public safety.
- The average investment returns over the period were higher than expected, with an average return of 9.44% over the five years from 1/1/2017-12/31/2021.
- Segal has indicated that the decision to continue to reduce the rate of return on investments has made a huge impact. In 2008, our assumed rate of return was 8.2%. We have continued to gradually reduce that rate, and going into 2023, the rate will be 6.9%
- Segal also predicts that 90% of active employees will retire over the next 10 years. There are currently only 93 active employees. So that means, in about 10 more years there will only be about 10 active employees left.

- The following 6 retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<b><u>General Services:</u></b>	Sherry Holloway
<b><u>Health:</u></b>	Lucille Hill
<b><u>Library:</u></b>	Martin Messmer, Rudy Shuman
<b><u>Recreation:</u></b>	Robert Bevil
<b><u>Beneficiary:</u></b>	Gloria Boling

Meeting adjourned.