

PENSION BOARD REPORT

DECEMBER 11, 2019

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



- Commissioner Joe Carn was sworn in to serve in Trustee Position # 2. This term will end on December 31, 2019. At the first Commission meeting in January 2020, the Board of County Commissioners will make all their Board appointments for the year. It is anticipated that the Board of Commissioners will appoint a Commissioner to Trustee Position # 2, and Trustee Position # 3 at their January meeting.
- Minutes from November 13, 2019 meeting were ratified.

- New pension applications were approved for **8** retirees:

District Attorney: Cecile Roberts

Beneficiaries: Anthony D. Brooks, Sara Gardner, Catherine Heaton, Cleopatra Johnson, Mattie McHenry, Rebecca Miller, Martha Ann Weaver Woodall

- The CPI figures for the period ending October 31, 2019, were presented to the Board. Since the figures for that period were above zero (1.7%), a raise of **3%** will be given to all retirees in plans 1982 and forward, effective January 1, 2020. In addition, we requested a similar raiser for those in plans prior to 1982. This request should be considered with the 2020 budget and the final budget will be adopted in January 2020, so we will find out at that time if the request has been granted.
- Keith Stronkowsky, Senior Consultant with NEPC presented the Investment Summary report for the month ending November 30, 2019. His report shows that the system posted a 1.9% return (net of fees) for the month. Year-to-date, the returns are 20.2%. Our fees for the last month averaged 44 basis points, which is lower than the average for our size plan which is 55 basis points.
- The Vendor Contract Review Committee made recommendations on three contracts:
 - 1) Segal Consulting serves as the actuary for the Pension Board. They have been the actuary for the past seven years and their contract period has ended. The Committee recommended extending this contract for a 3-year period since the cost for the annual valuation services will remain the same for year one at \$36,000 only and increase by \$1,000 for the next 2 years. Segal also included additional cost of \$34,000 to conduct our five-year experience study in 2022 (they conducted the last study).
 - 2) PJC Group provides annual audit services to Fulton County and the Pension Plan is included in this contract which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Pension Plan pays for its portion of the contract for audit services related to the Plan (which is \$17,750).
 - 3) NEPC is the financial consultant for the Plan, monitoring and making recommendations regarding all investments, allocations and money managers. They provide detailed monthly reports at each Board meeting. Their contract has

expired, but the recommendation was to continue this contract through the end of 2021, with no increase in the annual \$245,000 cost.

- Bryce Riddle presented a report showing there are currently **3,227** retirees, with **217** waiting to retire. Of those, **18** are fully vested.
- The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Balance for the month ending September 30, 2019 was presented. **FUND BALANCE IS \$1,375,543,611.** The Plan showed a 1.9% return as of November 31, 2019.
- Mr. Riddle also reported a contribution of **\$55,825,057** from Fulton County for the month of October 2019. Appreciation from investments was **\$217,712,084** for the month of October.
- The following **13** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<u>Family & Children Services:</u>	Louise Buchanan
<u>Food Stamp Issuance:</u>	A. Elizabeth Moore
<u>Human Services:</u>	Garnett Brown
<u>Inspections & Permits:</u>	James Heaton
<u>Library:</u>	Ethelrene Culbreath, Rita Jones
<u>Police:</u>	Hulett Miller
<u>Public Works:</u>	Talmadge Bridges, Robert McHenry
<u>Sheriff:</u>	James E. Stewart
<u>Beneficiaries:</u>	Jasper Brooks, Zeddie Bryant, Irene Mahony

- The Board discussed continuing to pursue other possibilities in relation to a death index since there was another overpayment on this agenda due to a death not being reported in a timely manner. This was discussed at the last meeting; however, a recommendation has not been formed on what should be done. The ideas that have been pursued so far (getting information from the State of Georgia Department of Vital Statistics was one possibility) have not proved to be viable, so research will continue.

Meeting adjourned.