



FCERS-PENSION BOARD REPORT

NOVEMBER 13, 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

- Minutes from October 9, 2019 meeting were approved.
- New pension applications were approved for **4** retirees:
Public Works: Ray Wooten **Sheriff:** Janet Jones
Tax Commissioner: Renee D. Gray **Beneficiary:** Louella Flynt
- Pension Board Meeting dates for 2020 were approved. These dates are available on the FCREA website. Please note that a few of the meeting dates are not on our usual Wednesday date due to holidays and/or changes with the County Commissioner Board meetings.
- Keith Stronkowsky, Senior Consultant with NEPC, presented the Q3 Investment Performance Report. His report shows that the system posted a .4% return (net of fees) during the last quarter which puts us in the 78th percentile of public funds. We were above our policy index by 30 bps. Our strongest returns came from small/mid cap equities, which returned 3.4% for the quarter. Our weakest returns came from the emerging markets and our global fixed income composites.
- Skip Platt, Chair of the Elections Committee, indicated there was no report from that Committee at this time.
- Skip Platt, Chair of the Vendor Contracts Committee, stated that there are three contracts that are due to expire in December 2019 that the committee is reviewing with Board Counsel Michael Kramer. A recommendation from the committee will be presented at the December 2019 meeting.
- Andrew Stephens, Chair of the Education Committee, presented the agenda from the October 29, 2019 training session presented by NEPC. This educational forum covered Georgia Pension Law and Minimum Funding Standards & Assumption Setting, Securities Litigation, and the 2019 Capital Markets Outlook and Asset Allocation. In addition, Mr. Stephens presented the ledger developed for tracking training hours of all Board members so the Board can keep track of compliance hours of Board members with State Law. The Committee requested that the Pension Administrator submit a list of positions in the Pension Office that would benefit from training. Once that list is received, the Committee will make a recommendation on requiring training hours for this staff (their training is not under the State Law). Mr. Stephens informed the Board that he will be working on a list of available training during the 2020 year which will meet the requirements of the law.
- John McCarthy, Chair of the Investment Committee, said there was no report from the Investment Committee since Mr. Stronkowsky had covered all the material in his quarterly report.
- Gary Stiles, Chair of the Beneficiary Notifications Committee, indicated he felt the Committee would be meeting and have a report available for the Board after the first of the year.
- Wendy Brown, our new Pension Administrator, presented a letter from Commissioner Liz Hausmann resigning from the Board effective October 9, 2019. Commissioner Hausmann stated that she has been given so many commitments that she cannot devote the necessary time to properly evaluate issues. This leaves two vacancies on the Board from Board of Commissioner appointments as we also have the vacancy left when Commissioner Darnell passed away. It is anticipated

that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners will make new appointments to these vacancies at the January 2020 meeting, which is when these appointments are generally made. Wendy Brown also made note of the fact that Skip Platt's term ends June 30, 2020. Dates for mailing of notices for candidacy for this election and dates for an election will be discussed at the February and March 2020 meetings.

- Bryce Riddle presented a report showing there are currently **3,205** retirees, with **221** 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 \$1,354,159,764.** The Plan showed a .4% return as of September 30, 2019.
- Mr. Riddle also reported a contribution of **\$50,255,613** from Fulton County for the month of September 2019. He also presented a report that shows our securities litigation has a return to the fund in 2019 year-to-date of **\$49,880**. A total of a little over **\$2 million** has been recovered in securities litigation since 2007.
- The following **7** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

District Attorney: Paul Woodall
Fire: Melvin Drayton and Howard Gardner
Library: Arthur C. Williams
Recreation: Leroy Johnson
Tax Commissioner: Gladys M. Bradley
Beneficiaries: Pamela Banks

- The Board discussed further follow up on Board responsibilities for the list of active employees who have left Fulton County but did not request their refund of their pension contributions. Board Counsel Michael Kramer will be prepared to discuss this further at a later meeting.
- The Board requested that Board Counsel and the Pension Administrator review some possibilities regarding checking the death index since several deaths have gone unreported for several months resulting in overpayments which have to be pursued for return to the fund. Since funeral homes are no longer required to report deaths to social security, this has resulted in this kind of problem occurring. There are agreements with two companies to report their search results from our database but overpayments are still occurring. This matter will continue to be discussed to see if there is a better method we can use.

Meeting adjourned.