

PENSION BOARD REPORT

OCTOBER 9, 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 September 11, 2019 meeting were ratified, with corrections provided by various trustees.
- New pension applications were approved for **3** retirees:

Sheriff: Felisha Higdon and Alecia Ingram **Beneficiary:** Sheri Brown

- John McCarthy, Chair of the Investment Committee, was absent from the meeting. Wanda Messina served as Chair of the Committee. NEPC reported the Plan returned **1.1%**. Also, Oakmark International Equity outperformed their index by 200 basis points and returned **4.7%**. The Plan's performance year-to-date is **15.5%**. Asset allocation for the Plan will be reviewed again during the January/February time frame. NEPC indicated it has been a challenging summer because of the trade war between the US and China. As our asset allocation is reviewed, they remain cautious about our risks in the face of a slowing global market. As we look at allocations, we will consider shorter duration safe-haven fixed income.
- Skip Platt, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported that an Elections Committee meeting will take place in November. At that time, he should have all the information available from the vendor for the Committee to discuss the possibility of online voting, as well as paper ballots.
- Andrew Stephens, Chair of the Education Committee, reported that everything was in place for the NEPC training session to take place for all Trustees on October 29, 2019.
- Skip Platt, Chair of the Vendor Contracts Committee, reported that there are 3 contracts expiring on December 31, 2019. He will be discussing these contracts with Michael Kramer, attorney for the Board, to determine how to proceed on these 3 contracts.
- Gary Stiles, Chair of the Beneficiary Notifications Committee, requested specific information be forwarded to Skip Platt and Dan Bowman for their review so that this Committee can proceed with discussions.
- A report was presented from the Pension Office on the terms of all trustees for the Plan. Commissioner Lee Morris, Commissioner Liz Hausmann and the vacant position for Trustee # 2 position (formerly occupied by Commissioner Emma Darnell) are all in terms that will expire December 31, 2019. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners makes appointments to various Boards at the first Commission meeting of the year. It is expected that no appointment to these vacancies will occur until January.

- Bryce Riddle presented a report showing there are currently **3,208** retirees, with **223** waiting to retire. Of those, **18** are fully vested.
- The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Balance for the month ending August 30, 2019 was presented. **FUND BALANCE IS \$1,345,454,508.** The report from our last meeting did show a downturn in the market which affected the fund balance. Since September was a positive return, that should be reflected in our next report.
- Mr. Riddle also reported that all the expenses for the Plan, both payments to all vendors, money managers, plus administrative costs to the plan are approximately **60 basis points**, which is about **10% lower** than other plans our size.
- The following **7** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<u>DFACS:</u>	Ethel Havird
<u>General Services:</u>	Ralph Brown
<u>Juvenile Court:</u>	M. Bernice Tyrrell
<u>Marshall's Office:</u>	James Flynt
<u>Personnel:</u>	Darla Brooks
<u>Beneficiaries:</u>	Wallace Blaylock and Annette Gettis

Meeting adjourned.