



FCERS: PENSION BOARD REPORT

MAY 13, 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

- This is the second Pension Board meeting to be teleconferenced due to the corona virus situation. The Board agreed that the meeting in June will also be teleconferenced.
- Commissioner Bob Ellis was sworn in after being appointed to serve on the Pension Board by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on March 18, 2020. His term will end on December 31, 2020.
- Minutes of the April 8, 2020 meeting were ratified.
- The Board approved **5** new pension applications:
Superior Court: Delicia Williamson
Beneficiaries: Blanca R. Anton, Victoria D. Hardy, Yvonne S. Rowan, Susan S. Smegal
- The final agreement was approved with NAPHSIS for death searches throughout the United States. This search will be used on an as-needed basis, and the Pension Administrator will report to the Board when there is a need to use this contract. This is being done in an effort to reduce overpayments.
- Andrew Stephens, temporary Chair of the Elections Committee, reported that the election for Trustee Position # 6 will remain on hold until the County is open again.
- Andrew Stephens, Chair of the Education Committee, is diligently working on finding any training sessions that can be accomplished through teleconferencing so that all Trustees can attain training hours needed to stay in compliance with State Law.
- Bryce Riddle reported that there are currently **3,205** retirees, and **194** active employees in the defined benefit plan and **16** of those are fully vested.
- 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 March 31, 2020 was presented. **FUND BALANCE IS \$1,160,068,116.** The system returned **-17.2%** for the first quarter.

- Mr. Riddle reported a contribution of **\$17,337,075** from Fulton County for the month of March 2020.
- Keith Stronkowsky from NEPC presented the quarterly update on the performance of our plan. Due to recent events, the plan lost \$239 million during the quarter, but the System's assets are at \$1.2 billion. Our strongest returns were from US Small/Mid Cap investments and they outperformed the Russell 2500 Index. Our weakest returns came from International Small Cap investments. Since the full extent of the economic damage inflicted by the virus are uncertain, Keith discussed relying on our key investment principles and stay diversified. At our meeting in June, NEPC will discuss any alternatives we need to review based on the current market environment. In addition, Gary Stiles requested (and other Board members agreed), we need to review any investments our System has in China so we can consider whether to continue those investments. Keith indicated that the investments in China we are currently involved with are making money at the moment, but he will bring information back to the next meeting. In addition, Gary Stiles indicated we should be prepared in the event sanctions are issued in a manner that would require us to withdraw from any investments in China.
- The following **12** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<u>Adult Probation:</u>	Walter Nelloms
<u>Finance:</u>	Erskine Boazman
<u>Fire:</u>	Donald L. Potts
<u>Health</u>	Roy Dawkins, Ruby Masters
<u>Police:</u>	Eddie D. Hardy
<u>Registraion & Elections</u>	Beverly Walker
<u>Sheriff:</u>	Richard Sanders
<u>Superior Court:</u>	Brenda A. Wilson
<u>Beneficiaries:</u>	Marjorie Anglin, Nellie Axelroad, Catherine Finke

Meeting adjourned.