



# FCERS: PENSION BOARD REPORT

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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

Pension Board meetings continue to be teleconferenced due to the corona virus situation. Fulton County Government has still not returned to full time situation with all employees. Meetings will continue to be teleconferenced. Staff is continuing to work in office two days per week, and then teleworking three days per week. The next meeting will be December 8, 2021.

Minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were ratified.

The Board approved **4** new pension applications.

**County Manager:** Tracie Baugh

**Superior Court:** Geraldine S. Glover

**Beneficiaries:** Melody L. Berry, Sheila Walson

The new Pension Administrator, Ryan Avery, was introduced to the Board. He will attend the Zoom meeting of FCREA on December 14, 2021, to be introduced to retirees via that meeting.

NEPC presented their Q3 Performance Report. Keith Stronskowsky was present to give the report. Their inflation overview:

- Several factors are contributing to stickier inflation levels, including continued supply shocks
- They believe deflation pressures such as demographics and technology will overwhelm inflation pressures
- They believe 5%+ inflation is transitory

As of September 30, 2021, the System's assets totaled **\$ 1.61 billion**, which showed a decrease of approximately **\$35.3** million during the quarter. There was a -1.0% return (net of fees) during the quarter. However, the 1-year annualized returns through September 30, 2021 were **22%**. The 5-year annualized returns through September 30, 2021 were **11.9%**.

The strongest returns this quarter came from our Large Cap Equities which returned 1.5% . The weakest returns came from the International Equity Composite which returned a -4.3% for the quarter.

Michael Kramer, Board Counsel, reported that the NEPC contract and the PJC contract have both been finalized and executed.

Andrew Stephens reported that dates have not been worked out for the NEPC training for Board members but he will advise as soon as dates are worked out. Wanda Messina indicated that GAPPT has forwarded information for their online training session. Mr. Stephens said he would forward that information on to Board members that are interested.

Gary Stiles, Chair of the Benefit Payment Committee, reported that the Committee is continuing to work with Mr. Kramer on the interpretation of calculations for beneficiaries.

John McCarthy, Chair of the Investment Committee, reported the Committee met with one of the Large Cap Growth money managers. Their year-to-date performance has been 16.6%, which is 2.3% above the Russell Index.

Bryce Riddle reported that there are currently **3,158** retirees, and **121** active employees in the defined benefit plan, of which **15** are fully vested.

Bryce Riddle reported that a total of **\$25,097** has been returned during 2021 from securities litigation.

Mr. Avery presented a report on term expiration dates of trustees. The Board of Commissioners will make appointments in January for Commissioners that have terms expiring. The terms of retiree trustee representatives Wanda Messina and Gary Stiles will expire on June 30, 2022. The terms of E. A. "Skip" Platt and the currently vacant retiree trustee representative expired June 30, 2021, and the active employee representative Andrew Stephens term expired on June 30, 2021. Those that have terms already expired will continue to serve until an election takes place, which is legal under the Plan. It is anticipated that an election can take place sometime during the first quarter of 2022.

Disability certification letters have been mailed with a return date requirement for January 4, 2022.

A calendar of meeting dates was presented. It will be necessary to change two Board meeting dates in 2022 due to conflicts with holidays and Board of Commissioner meetings. A calendar will be posted on the FCREA site and on the FACEBOOK retirees page once the new calendar is published.

The following **7** retirees were reported as deceased since the last meeting:

<b><u>Dream:</u></b>	Oliver Barber
<b><u>Health:</u></b>	Adele Kushner
<b><u>Public Works:</u></b>	Zyona D. Brabham-Watters
<b><u>Sheriff:</u></b>	Clarence Black, Daisy Forbes
<b><u>State Court:</u></b>	Madeline Peevy
<b><u>Beneficiaries:</u></b>	Elvira Daniel

Meeting adjourned.