

**CITY PENSION FUND FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS
IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

939TH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 20, 2022

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PENSION OFFICE.**

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Chairman Nolan.

Board members present, via a quorum physically present and videoconference, were as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

David J. Frazier, Jr.
Paul D. Johnson
Dwight M. Nicholas

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steven L. Feldman
Daniel D. Molina
James D. Nolan

ADMINISTRATION

Absent were:

Hernan D. Cardeno	- Administration
Eric T. Carpenter	- Administration
Tameka Otto Stewart	- Administration

Present were:

Stuart A. Kaufman, Esq.	- Attorney, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson (KKJL)
Donna Brito	- Executive Director
Myriame Jean-Baptiste	- Pension Administrator
Clara La Rosa	- Office Manager

Also present were:

Eric J. Leventhal, CPA, CVA	- Partner; Kabat, Schertzer, De La Torre, Taraboulos & Co. (KSDT)
Dann Smith	- Director, Institutional Client Relations and Business Development, Allspring Global Investments
Lauren van Biljon, CFA	- Portfolio Manager, WFAM Global Fixed Income
Brendon Vavrica, CFP	- Consultant, AndCo Consulting

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – December 16, 2021

Minutes from the regular board meeting were distributed as part of the agenda packet. Secretary Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and unanimously carried.

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP) – APPROVAL OF ENTRY

Police Sergeant Martin Dionne retired under the DROP program effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with the Miami Beach Code, Section 66(a) and Section 79. Sergeant Dionne had 24 years and 7 months of pension service time and met the eligibility for retirement by Tier 1, and attainment of 85% maximum pension benefit. In addition, Sergeant Dionne purchased the 6% multiplier.

Firefighter Ricardo Fernandez retired under the DROP program effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with the Miami Beach Code, Section 66(a) and Section 79. Firefighter Fernandez had 22 years and 6 months of pension service and met the eligibility for retirement by Tier 1, Rule of 70 and attainment of at least age 47. In addition, Firefighter Fernandez purchased the 6% multiplier.

Police Sergeant Mishart S. Torres retired under the DROP program effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with the Miami Beach Code, Section 66(a) and Section 79. Sergeant Torres had 22 years and 3 months of pension service and met the eligibility for retirement by Tier 1, Rule of 70 and attainment of at least age 47. In addition, Sergeant Torres purchased the 6% multiplier.

Trustee Feldman made a motion to approve the pension service retirement for Sergeant Dionne, Firefighter Fernandez and Sergeant Torres and grant entry into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The motion was seconded by Secretary Frazier and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

COMMENCEMENT OF PENSION

Police Officer Vicente Canete was retired under the DROP program and resigned from City employment effective December 31, 2021. He is eligible to commence his monthly pension in accordance with the Miami Beach Code, Section 66(a) and Section 79.

Trustee Feldman made a motion to approve the commencement of pension for Officer Canete. The motion was seconded by Chairman Nolan and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

DECEASED

Retired Police Officer Nelson Long passed away on December 27, 2021. His pension has been discontinued as there are no beneficiaries under the Plan.

Trustee Feldman made a motion to stop the monthly pension for Nelson Long. The motion was seconded by Secretary Frazier and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

Beneficiary Madeleine Ward, widow of retired Police Officer John J. Ward, passed away on December 11, 2021. Her pension has been discontinued as there are no other beneficiaries under the Plan.

Trustee Feldman made a motion to stop the monthly pension for Madeleine Ward. The motion was seconded by Chairman Nolan and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

The Financial Warrants were emailed to the Board for their review prior to the meeting.

Secretary Frazier made a motion to accept the Financial Warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholas and unanimously carried. (Attachment #1-1 Schedule A)

BUYBACKS COVERING THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 13, 2021, THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2022

The following buyback schedules included in the agenda packet were processed from November 13, 2021, through January 20, 2022:

- Buyback of additional multiplier*
- Buybacks of probationary service time with interest at 3%*

Secretary Frazier made a motion to approve the buybacks shown on the schedules. The motion was seconded by Chairman Nolan and unanimously carried. (Attachment #2)

COUNSEL

Discussion on the Status of Pension Benefits for William T. Skinner

Attorney Kaufman notified the Board that he has not received an appeal contesting the final order served to William T. Skinner's attorney on November 30, 2021, bringing this item to a close.

Written legal opinion request from the Florida Attorney General regarding purchase of pre-employment public safety service

Attorney Kaufman advised that the request for a written legal opinion from the Florida Attorney General has been submitted, and anticipates that a response within the next six months would be reasonable.

Legislative Update

Attorney Kaufman provided a legislative update regarding proposed Senate Bill 774 and corresponding House Bill 117, titled Communicable and Infectious Diseases. The bills were introduced this month providing a presumption to specified workers that an impairment of health caused by COVID-19, or an infectious disease, happened in the line of duty. KKJL will keep the Board informed of any developments.

Trustee Molina arrived at 8:43 AM.

***KABAT, SCHERTZER, DE LA TORRE, TARABOULOS & CO. (KSDT)
ERIC J. LEVENTHAL, CPA, CVA – PARTNER***

Presentation of Draft Financial Statements – September 30, 2021, and 2020

Eric Leventhal presented the tentative audited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2021. In connection with the audit, as evidenced by the report, Mr. Leventhal indicated that KSDT has rendered an unmodified opinion that the financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mr. Leventhal discussed in detail the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position and the Schedule of Investment and Administrative Expenses for the period ending September 30, 2021.

Mr. Leventhal advised that by September 30, 2022, the Plan is required to implement the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases. GASB 87 requires plans to change how they report their lease agreements. Where in the past leases were noted as off-balance sheet transactions, with GASB 87 a plan must present value their lease commitment, record it as liability on the balance sheet, and show a corresponding right of use asset along with additional disclosures. Typically, this would be done at the client level, but the calculations are complicated and require licensed software. KSDT could provide this service to the Plan using their proprietary software for an additional fee of approximately \$1,500 annually.

The Director recommended to have KSDT use their software and make the calculations, monthly journal entries, and additional disclosures going forward. There were various discussions.

Secretary Frazier made a motion to authorize KSDT to perform the GASB 87 calculation requirements, monthly journal entries, and additional disclosures for a fee of approximately \$1,500 annually to be implemented for the Fiscal Year End September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Chairman Nolan and unanimously carried.

Mr. Leventhal reviewed the Compliance and Other Matters Report stating that KSDT was not specifically engaged to look at the effectiveness of internal control nor to give an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. However, if during the course of the audit KSDT would have found anything of concern regarding internal control, they would have been required to share that information with the Board. Given these limitations, he reported that:

- There were no identifiable deficiencies in internal control that were considered to be material weaknesses.*
- There were no significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit.*
- The testing results disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.*

Secretary Frazier made a motion to approve the audited Financial Statements for the year ending September 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and unanimously carried. (Attachment #3)

Management Representation Letter

Secretary Frazier made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the Director to execute and deliver the management representation letter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Feldman and unanimously carried. (Attachment #4)

ALLSPRING GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

***DANN SMITH, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTIONAL CLIENT RELATIONS AND
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT***

***WFAM GLOBAL FIXED INCOME – ALLSPRING GLOBAL
LAUREN VAN BILJON, CFA, PORTFOLIO MANAGER***

Portfolio Review

Dann Smith and Lauren van Biljon reviewed in detail the Fire and Police Pension International Bond Fund Portfolio as of December 31, 2021.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2021 Affidavits

Director Brito advised that the 2021 affidavit for beneficiary Ann Patton has not been received to date. Therefore, her pension benefit for January 2022 will be stopped.

2021 Form 1099-R

Director Brito indicated that the Form 1099-Rs have been printed and will be mailed by January 25, 2022, to all retirees and beneficiaries.

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – February 8, 2022

Director Brito advised that the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) would like to have the pension administrators from the Fire and Police Pension and the General Employees' Pension attend their next meeting on February 8, 2022. A standing motion allows the Director to invite a representative from both Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company and AndCo Consulting to attend the meeting with her and to be compensated at their respective hourly rates.


**939th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
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For the Board's information, the following items were distributed as either part of the Agenda or meeting packet:

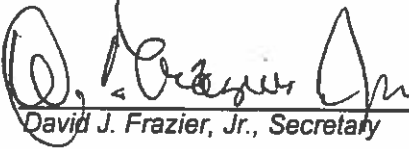
- A. Accrued Investment Expenses Years 2017 – 2021 (Attachment #5)
- B. Administrative Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Molina and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.



James D. Nolan, Chairman



David J. Frazier, Jr., Secretary