

The regular meeting of the City of Taylor Police & Fire Retirement System Board was held at Taylor Police Station located at 23515 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI and remotely via Zoom, at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

**Present:** Chairman and Trustee Nicolas Hill, Trustee Gerry Taylor, Trustee Michelle Tocco and Trustee Al Young (via Zoom) Canton Michigan.

**Also Present:** Jack Timmony, VanOverbeke Michaud & Timmony P.C., Legal Counsel; Chris Kuhn CAIA, AndCo, Investment Consultant; Ed Urbono (via Zoom), Senior Investment Advisor, PNC Capital Advisors; Gary Salzer (via Zoom), CFA, CIPM, Sr. Investment Advisor, PNC; Sheila Gorski-Schulte, City of Taylor Human Resource Director.

**Excused: Jason Couture**

**Trustee and Chair, Nick Hill called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.**

**Motion by Taylor, supported by Tocco**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Taylor Police & Fire Retirement System held August 12, 2021.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.113-21

**Motion Taylor, by supported by Tocco.**

Resolved: To approve the following financial correspondence.

1. Employee contributions received from the City of Taylor for July 2021 in the amount of \$76,145.99.
2. PNC trade notice dated August 27, 2021.
3. Portfolio Advisors capital call notice dated August 25, 2021 with a call date of September 3, 2021 and a call amount of \$243,409.
4. Letter dated August 27, 2021 to Ms. Sara Boles of PNC Bank authorizing the facilitation of the PNC trade request and Portfolio Advisors capital call.

*Unanimously approved*

09-114.21

**Motion by Taylor, supported by Tocco.**

Resolved: To receive and file the following correspondence:

1. Medicare report for September 2021. Note one (1) change this reporting period.
2. Letter of retirement received August 21, 2021 from Nate Kuzma (Police) with an effective retirement date of September 5, 2021.
3. Correspondence received from WCM Investment Management announcing the retirement of Kurt Winrich, Co-CEO and Portfolio Manager.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.115-21

**Motion by Taylor, supported by Tocco.**

Resolved To approve the following payment of bills:

1. Payment to Linda Kemp for the period of August 15, 2021 through September 5, 2021 in the amount of \$1,867.50, reimbursement for monthly Zoom subscription in the amount of \$5.981 for a total of \$1,703.48.
2. Payment to Foster & Foster for Stachulski EDRO calculation in the amount of \$400. Retirement System will be reimbursed by the member and his Alternate Payee.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.116-21

**Mr. Jack Timmony** commented on the WCM inquiry from Attorney General's office noting a response has been prepared and sent to Linda Kemp to be forwarded to Mr. Martin May. The response simply states the Police & Fire Retirement System has retained the services of WCM Focused International Growth Fund, LP.

**Chris Kuhn** provided the period ending June 30, 2021 investment performance review. Noting strong results from US markets and a rebound in fixed income. Great quarter, fund up just over 6%. One year number up almost 33% and nicely ahead of policy index. Review of individual managers; Brown had a very good quarter, however behind in the longer timeframe. Brandywine has done very well both this quarter and year to date. WCM had a great quarter; since inception up over 22%. TA off to a good start and is fully funded at this point. Chair Hill asked about the performance of First Eagle. Mr. Kuhn believes there is still a place for them in the portfolio. Mr. Timmony asked about their performance since inception. Mr. Kuhn will add another piece to future reports for better understanding and comparison of First Eagle performance. Also provided the market value summary as of August 31, 2021. International market continues to lag. Mr. Kuhn recommends transferring 2M from Brown Advisory to the admin. Account to provide liquidity for upcoming benefit payments.

**Motion by Taylor, supported by Young.**

Resolved: To authorize Investment Consultant Chris Kuhn to transfer 2M from Brown Advisory to the Admin account to provide liquidity for upcoming benefit payments.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.117-21

**Motion by Taylor, supported by Tocco.**

Resolved: To receive and file the Investment report as presented by Investment Consultant Chris Kuhn.

*Unanimously approved*

09.118-21

**Gary Salzer** participated via Zoom, provided brief update on the PNC value strategy stating strategy is doing very well at this time and is above the benchmark. Anticipate the remainder of the year the strategy will provide better financial opportunities.

**Ed Urbono** provided an update on fixed income portfolio noting the fund continues to grow, outperforming the index. Both quarter to date and year to date continue to do well.

**Chair Hill Open Business:** Asked Ms. Gorski-Schulte again when the outstanding previously requested pay reports will be available. Ms. Gorski-Schulte stated there are 19 outstanding requests. She anticipates having 10 of those reports to the pension office by Monday, September 13, 2021. The remaining 9 reports should be available the following week. She also noted she is in receipt of our request for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 quarterly reports.

**Ms. Gorski-Schulte** provided a written communication advising the Board the city has collected funds that represent payment for employee contributions from fire personnel who are eligible to enter the Police & Fire Retirement System's retirement plan. Ms. Gorski-Schulte provided checks to the Board for each individual to be deposited for the benefit of those individual members. Copies of the letter and check are to be placed in each member's file. Spreadsheets will need to be created for these new members of the Retirement System to include the amount of employee contributions paid by each member.

**Motion by Young, supported by Tocco.**

Resolved: To receive and file correspondence from the City of Taylor and payment of employee contributions for new members eligible to participate in the City of Taylor Police & Fire Retirement System.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.119-21

**Motion by Hill, supported by Taylor.**

Resolved: To adjourn at 4:32 P.M.

*Unanimously approved.*

09.120-21

**The next regular meeting of the City of Taylor Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. Meeting will be held at the Police Station second floor conference room.**