

EL PASO FIREMEN & POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND
REGULAR MEETING HELD
Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 1:00 PM
El Paso Firemen and Policemen's Pension Fund Office
Chase Tower, Suite 1616
201 East Main Drive, El Paso, Texas 79901

MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Fire Division

Chief Michael V. Calderazzo
Chief Jerry Villanueva
Chief Rick Carson

Police Division

Commander Mark Austin
Detective JD Cotham

Mayoral Appointments:

Dr. Robert Tollen
Mr. Presi Ortega

City Manager Appointments

Mr. William F. Studer

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert J. Stanton - Secretary
Ms. Yolanda Carreon - Assistant Secretary
Mr. Alan Cleveland, Esq. via teleconference

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Terri Garcia
Lieutenant Tyler Grossman
Ms. Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria

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1. Establishment of Quorum

Chairperson Calderazzo established a Quorum is present. The Regular Meeting of the El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Reading and approval of the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting held March 21, 2012.

Dr. Tollen moved to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on March 21, 2012, seconded by Mr. Ortega and passed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Cotham moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Tollen and passed by the Board.

Unfinished Business

None

Reports and recommendations of Committees

- A. Audit and Risk Management Committee - Did not meet.
- B. Investment Committee - Did not meet.
- C. Benefits Committee - To be discussed under New Business, Items 1 and 2.
- D. Management Development & Review Committee - Did not meet.
- E. Ad-Hoc Committee for Office Space - Did not meet.
- F. Budget & Finance Committee - Did not meet.

New Business

1. Discussion and action on request for Ordinary Disability retirement for Mr. Brandt Lowther, Police Department, pursuant to the recommendation of the Benefits Committee.

Reporting on behalf of the Benefits Committee, Mr. Austin stated that the Committee met and Mr. Lowther presented himself with his CLEAT attorney. Mr. Lowther submitted an updated physician's form with no additional medical documentation. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that Mr. Lowther's request for Ordinary Disability be denied.

After careful discussion, due consideration, and pursuant to the recommendation of the Benefits Committee, Mr. Austin moved to deny Mr. Lowther's request for a disability retirement benefit, seconded by Mr. Cotham and passed by the Board.

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2. Discussion and action on request for Service-Connected Disability retirement for Ms. Michelle Ojeda, Police Department, pursuant to the recommendation of the Benefits Committee.

Reporting on behalf of the Benefits Committee, Mr. Austin stated that the Committee met and Ms. Ojeda's presented herself and stated her documentation was in order.

After careful discussion, due consideration, and pursuant to the recommendation of the Benefits Committee, Mr. Austin moved to approve Ms. Ojeda's request for a disability retirement benefit. Mr. Calderazzo stated that motions approved at Committee level do not need a second pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Austin, Mr. Cotham, Mr. Villanueva, Mr. Carson, Dr. Tollen, Mr. Studer and Mr. Calderazzo voted in favor. Mr. Ortega abstained.

In order to discuss Items 3 and 4, Mr. Austin made a motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Villanueva. Motion carried.

The El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees retired into Executive Session at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened to regular session at 1:52 p.m.

3. Discussion on revised letter from Buck Consultants regarding the impact of sick leave changes on El Paso Firemen's Pension Fund.

No action.

4. Discussion and action on response letter from Mr. David Almonte, Deputy City Manager, Health & Public Safety regarding sick leave incentive program approved by the City and Local 51, International Association of Fire Fighters.

Mr. Austin moved to table Item 4 until next month, seconded by Dr. Tollen and passed by the Board.

5. Opportunity for Statements from Retired Members/Public.

None

6. Report of Executive Director, Submitted Written Report.

Mr. Stanton provided the Board with an update to his prior written report.

7. For Notation:

Informational Material For Review. No Action Required.

A. Service Retirement

Mitchell Brannon Police Department Un-Audited Balances

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B. Survivor Benefits

1. Ms. Maria L. Burrola, survivor of Charlie Burrola, Fire Department.
2. Ms. Noemi Ramos, survivor of Juan M. Ramos, Police Department.
3. Ms. Arissa A. Ramos, survivor of Juan M. Ramos, Police Department.
4. Ms. Mia S. Ramos, survivor of Juan M. Ramos, Police Department.

C. Death of member(s)

Charlie Burrola Fire Department

D. Cost of Living Adjustments

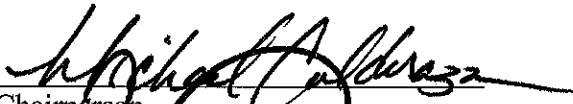
1. Roberto Beard Fire Department
2. Maria Viramontes Fire Department
3. Jose Reveles Police Department

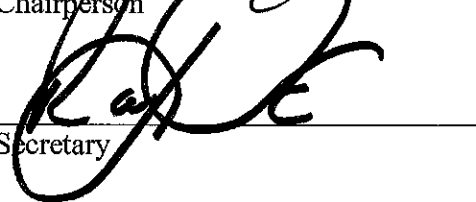
E. Refund of Contributions

Carlos X. Garcia Fire Department

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Austin moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ortega and passed by the Board. The El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees meeting stands in adjournment at 1:55 p.m.


Chairperson


Secretary