

EL PASO FIREMEN & POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM
El Paso Firemen and Policemen's Pension Fund Office
909 East San Antonio Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901

MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Fire Division:

Chief Jerry Villanueva
Chief Ricci Carson

Police Division:

Lieutenant John Schneider
Sergeant Sean Shelton
Officer Jerry Armendariz

Mayoral Appointments:

Ms. Leila Melendez
Mr. Presi Ortega
Dr. Robert Tollen

City Manager Appointments:

Mr. Gary M. Borsch
Mr. William Veliz

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Tyler Grossman – Executive Director
Ms. Christina Ramirez – Deputy Executive Director
Ms. Michele Amaya – Executive Assistant
Mr. Tim Campbell – Baillie Gifford
Mr. Matthew Coyle – Baillie Gifford
Ms. Stephanie Schroder – Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd (via Teleconference)

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Paul Thompson

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1. Establishment of Quorum.

Chairman Villanueva established that a Quorum was present. The Regular Meeting of the El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Reading and approval of the Minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting held on February 20, 2019.

Dr. Tollen moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 20, 2019, seconded by Mr. Armendariz and unanimously passed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Internal Financial Statements for month ending February 28, 2018.

Northern Trust Financial Statements for month ending February 28, 2018.

2. Expense Reports for the month ending February 28, 2018.

3. Approve Pension Payrolls:

Fire	\$3,268,584.19
Police	\$4,122,271.39

4. Payments to Service Providers

A.	Baillie Gifford – 4 th Q 2018	\$124,662.32
B.	Brown Advisory – 4 th Q 2018	\$42,791.48
C.	Cooke & Bieler (Large Cap Value) – 4 th Q 2018	\$48,753.97
D.	Cooke & Bieler (Small Cap Value) – 4 th Q 2018	\$55,471.13
E.	DLA Piper – thru December 31, 2018	\$2,092.95
F.	Harvest Fund Advisors – 4 th Q 2018	\$105,680.16
G.	Intech – 4 th Q 2018	\$18,960.85
H.	Lawson Attorneys – January 2019	\$4,205.00
I.	Legislative Consultants – February 2019	\$8,164.76
J.	Mondrian Investment Group – 4 th Q 2018	\$180,839.94
K.	The Northern Trust Company – 4 th Q 2018	\$8,805.36
L.	The Northern Trust Company (Custody & Benefits) – 4 th Q 2018	\$30,539.25
M.	PIMCO – 4 th Q 2018	\$110,042.61

N.	William Blair (Small Cap Value) – 4 th Q 2018	\$116,553.16
O.	William Blair (Small Cap Growth) – 4 th Q 2018	\$87,024.94

Reports and recommendations of Committees

Unfinished Business

Mr. Shelton arrived at 1:06 p.m.

New Business

1. Investment Performance Review for the period ended December 31, 2018 and update as presented by Mr. Tim Campbell and Mr. Matthew Coyle of Baillie Gifford.

Mr. Campbell discussed Baillie Gifford's as a whole. He explained that performance has resulted in modest incremental flows to the Fund. They have opened a research office in Shanghai, China. They have invested in improving research.

The absolute return for the year in Emerging Markets has been down 9.5%; however since inception, the Fund has earned 8.9% per year. The benchmark has done 7.7%. This Emerging Markets account was funded with \$32M, \$29.7M has been taken away, and it is currently sitting at \$78M. \$14.5M is the alpha that has been produced over the benchmark.

Mr. Croyle discussed Baillie Gifford's Developed Markets Fund. It has been a challenging period over the last twelve months. Performance has been flat with the index only marginally ahead over the two years since inception.

2. Discussion and action on recommendation of legal action from Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd, LLP.

Mr. Grossman explained that Robbins Gellar would like for the Fund to become the lead plaintiff in a case against Weight Watcher. Robbins Gellar recommends that the Fund take on the lead plaintiff role or co-lead plaintiff role.

After careful discussion and due consideration, Mr. Shelton moved to approve that the Fund seek Lead or Co-lead plaintiff appointment in the Weight Watchers case, seconded by Mr. Schneider and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. Opportunity for Statements from Members/Retired Members/Public.

None.

4. Report of Executive Director.

See submitted Written Report

5. For Notation:

Informational Material For Review. No Action Required.

A. Service/Forward DROP Retirement

B. Cost of Living Adjustments


C. Refund of Contributions

6. Adjournment.

Mr. Ortega moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed by the Board. The El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees meeting stands in adjournment at 2:14 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary