

**EL PASO FIREMEN & POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM**  
**Via Conference call**  
**Call-in number: 888-363-4734**  
**Access Code: 8414394**

**MINUTES**

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**TRUSTEE MEMBERS ON CALL**

**Fire Division:**

Chief Ricci Carson  
Lieutenant Paul Thompson

**Police Division:**

Officer Jerry Armendariz  
Lieutenant John Schneider  
Sergeant Sean Shelton

**Mayoral Appointments:**

Ms. Lee Ellen Banks  
Ms. Leila Melendez  
Ms. Susanna Visconti

**City Manager Appointments:**

Mr. Gary M. Borsch  
Mr. William Veliz

**OTHERS ON CALL**

Mr. Tyler Grossman – ED/CIO  
Ms. Christina Ramirez – Deputy Executive Director  
Ms. Lena Ellis – Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Michele Amaya – Executive Assistant  
Mr. Leandro Festino – Meketa Investment Group  
Mr. Tony Kay – AndCo Consulting  
Mr. Trevor Jackson – AndCo Consulting

**TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Fire Trustee – currently vacant

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1. Establishment of Quorum.

Vice-Chairman Thompson 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 1:01 p.m. This board meeting was conducted via conference call.

2. Election and approval of a Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the current term which expires in August of 2020 in accordance with Section 3 of the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees.

*Mr. Carson nominated Mr. Sean Shelton for Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Schneider and the motion passed unanimously by the Board.*

Chairperson Shelton presided for the remainder of the meeting

3. Reading and approval of the Minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2020.

*Ms. Banks moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2020, seconded by Mr. Thompson and unanimously passed by the Board.*

Consent Agenda

*Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Carson and passed by the Board.*

1. Internal Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2020.

Northern Trust Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2020.

2. Expense Reports for the month ending April 30, 2020.

3. Approve Pension Payrolls:

Fire	\$3,051,885.25
Police	\$4,360,679.07

4. Payments to Service Providers

A.	DLA Piper – February 2020	\$774.00
B.	Lawson Attorneys PLLC, March 2020	\$4,631.00
C.	Legislative Consultants – March 2020	\$5,166.46
D.	Meketa Investment Group – Consulting Fees 1 <sup>st</sup> Q2020	\$72,500.00
E.	Northern Trust – 1 <sup>st</sup> Q2020 Benefit Payment Services and Custody Fees	\$35,918.65

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F.	Rudd and Wisdom – February & March 2020 Actuarial Consulting Services	\$1,436.25
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Reports and recommendations of Committees

1. Discussion and action on the commitment to Davidson Kempner LDO Fund V, as recommended by the Investment Committee.

*After careful discussion and due consideration and at the recommendation of the Investment Committee, Mr. Thompson moved to approve an \$11,000,000 commitment to Davidson Kempner LDO Fund V after successful vetting by legal counsel, seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously by the Board.*

2. Discussion and action on the commitment to Stellex Capital Partners II, as recommended by the Investment Committee.

*After careful discussion and due consideration and at the recommendation of the Investment Committee, Mr. Thompson moved to approve an \$11,000,000 commitment to Stellex Capital Partners II after successful vetting by legal counsel, seconded by Mr. Schneider and passed unanimously by the Board.*

3. Discussion and action on Service-Connected Disability Retirement Application, Police Department.

*After careful discussion and due consideration and at the recommendation of the Benefits Committee, Mr. Shelton moved to approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement Application of Mr. Daniel Rodriguez and not to subject Mr. Rodriguez to any further recall by the committee regarding his disability because of the severity of the disability, seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.*

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Discussion and action on the City of El Paso's Actuarial Audit of the El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund per Texas Government Code Section 802.1012.

Mr. Grossman explained that an Actuarial Audit of the Fund's Actuary is required every five (5) years. It was last completed in 2013. The City of El Paso hired Foster & Foster to conduct this audit of Rudd & Wisdom. The last Experience Study of the Fund was completed in 2016 and the next Experience Study will be completed in 2021. The recommendations made by Foster & Foster will be addressed in the 2021 Experience Study.

*After careful discussion and due consideration, Mr. Borsch moved to approve the draft letter completed by Rudd & Wisdom in response to the recommendations made by Foster & Foster, seconded by Mr. Veliz and passed unanimously by the Board.*

2. Presentation and review of first quarter Investment Performance, as presented by Mr. Trevor Jackson and Mr. Tony Kay of AndCo Consulting.

The First Quarter of 2020 experienced significant declines primarily due to COVID-19. As expected, high quality fixed income outperformed equities in the first quarter. The Fed lowered its Fund's Rate to between 0% to 0.25% in March. Value funds underperformed Growth funds during this period. The energy sector was the worst performing. Health and Technology were two of the least negative for the period. The Fund was down 15.30% in the first quarter of 2020.

3. Discussion and action on Texas Senate Bill 322, as presented by Mr. Trevor Jackson and Mr. Tony Kay of AndCo Consulting.

Mr. Grossman explained that this bill was passed in 2019. AndCo Consulting which is an independent consulting firm conducted the review as part of their fee structure with no additional cost.

AndCo Consulting conducted a thorough review of the Fund's investment portfolio and investment policy and determined the Fund is following generally accepted practices.

*After careful discussion and due consideration, Mr. Thompson moved to approve AndCo Consulting's Report in response to Texas Senate Bill 322, seconded by Ms. Banks and passed unanimously by the Board.*

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

None.

5. Report of Executive Director.

See submitted Written Report

6. For Notation:

Informational Material For Review. No Action Required.

A. Service/Forward DROP Retirement(s)


B. Death of member(s)

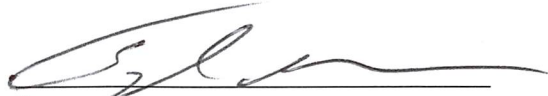
B. Cost of Living Adjustments

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7. Adjournment.

*Mr. Armendariz moved to adjourn. The El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees meeting stands in adjournment at 2:05 p.m.*

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary