

EL PASO FIREMEN & POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting
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MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Fire Division:

Chief Ricci Carson
Lieutenant Paul Thompson
Chief Daniel P. Roy

Police Division:

Officer Jerry Armendariz
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 PRESENT

Mr. Tyler Grossman – Executive Director
Ms. Christina Ramirez – Deputy Executive Director
Ms. Lena Ellis – Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Michele Amaya – Executive Assistant
Mr. Trevor Jackson, AndCo Consulting
Mr. Kory Hoggan, Moss Adams
Mr. Aaron Hamilton, Moss Adams
Mr. Tim Campbell, Baillie Gifford
Mr. Matt Coyle, Baillie Gifford
Mr. Bryan Burnham, Pension Review Board
Mr. Luther Yost
Mr. William Dennis

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant John Schneider

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1. Establishment of Quorum.

Chairman Shelton 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 1:02 p.m. This board meeting was conducted via Zoom Meeting.

2. Certification of the Trustee Election results to the Board of Trustees in accordance with Section 4(I) of the Fund's Voting Procedures, by the Board Secretary.

Fire Division – Certified Results

The certified results are as follows: Mr. Daniel P. Roy, 225 votes; Mr. Luis L. Padilla, 102 votes; Mr. Fernando Valencia, 99 votes; Mr. Christopher Carson, 88 votes; and 1 abstained from voting. Whereas Mr. Roy received the highest number of validated votes for Position #1, Mr. Roy was deemed a duly elected member of the Board of Trustees.

3. Reading and approval of the Minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting held on June 17, 2020.

Mr. Carson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 17, 2020, seconded by Mr. Thompson and unanimously passed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Melendez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Banks and passed by the Board.

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

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

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

3. Approve Pension Payrolls:

Fire	\$3,414,433.47
Police	\$4,272,155.68

4. Payments to Service Providers

A.	DLA Piper – Thru April 30, 2020	\$22,044.15
B.	DLA Piper – thru May 31, 2020	\$41,058.80
C.	Lawson Attorneys PLLC – May 2020	\$2,337.50
D.	Legislative Consultants – June 2020	\$5,000.00
E.	Masser Technologies – June 2020	\$1,400.00
F.	Moss Adams – Progress Billing 2019 Audit	\$28,500.00
G.	Pension Technology Group – 2Q20	\$20,000.00

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H. Rudd & Wisdom, Inc. – May 2020 \$3,030.00

Reports and recommendations of Committees

1. Discussion and action on Approved Disability Retirement, Fire Department.

Mr. Grossman explained that in November of 2019, Mr. Phelps' Disability was approved as an Ordinary Disability. In June of 2020, the City of El Paso recognized the member's disability as being service-connected. The paperwork provided to the Benefit's Committee is in order and shows that Mr. Phelps's Disability is Service-connected.

After careful discussion and due consideration, Mr. Armendariz moved to approve Service-connected Disability Retirement of Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously by the Board.

2. Discussion and action on 2019 Financial Audit as presented by Mr. Kory Hoggan of Moss Adams.

Mr. Hoggan and Mr. Hamilton reviewed hi-lights of the 2019 Financial Audit with the Board. They also noted that they presented an Unmodified or clean audit opinion with no material weaknesses noted.

After careful discussion and due consideration and at the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Ms. Melendez moved to approve the 2019 Financial Audit as presented, seconded by Mr. Carson and passed unanimously by the Board.

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Investment Performance Review for the period ended December 31, 2019 and update, as presented by Mr. Tim Campbell and Mr. Matthew Coyle of Baillie Gifford.

Baillie Gifford has handled the Fund's Emerging Market Investment for the past 15 years. The International Portfolio began to be managed by Baillie Gifford in March of 2017. Performance in both Funds has been good. Idea generation and research are key to Baillie Gifford's success. The new Shanghai research office is now open.

Performance for the International Portfolio since inception is \$11M of alpha after fees or an 8.44% return. In the last 12 months, a 9.45% return has been achieved.

The Emerging Markets Portfolio has yielded \$20M of alpha after fees or an 8.8% net return. In the last 12 months, a 3.2% return has been achieved. China will continue to be the main driver of return in Emerging Markets.

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

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None.

3. Report of Executive Director.

See submitted Written Report

4. For Notation:

Informational Material For Review. No Action Required.

- A. Service Retirement(s)
- B. Service/Forward DROP Retirement(s)
- C. Cost of Living Adjustments

5. Adjournment.

Mr. Borsch moved to adjourn. The El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees meeting stands in adjournment at 2:11 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary