

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**FIRE PENSION- MONTHLY MEETING**  
**October 13, 2015**

Recorded and Submitted by  
Barbara, Plan Administrator

Fire Headquarters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room  
1980 NW 56 Avenue, Lauderhill, Fl.33313

REGULAR MEETING-4:30PM

I CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Michael Taussig called the meeting to order at 4:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sean Henderson, Chairman  
Michael Taussig, Vice Chairman  
Karen Pottinger, Secretary  
Ryan Gabner, Trustee  
John Leicht, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Ron Cohen,  
Rice Pugatch Robinson & Schiller, P.A.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Vice Chairman took the meeting out of order to allow legal counsel to speak.

Ron Cohen advised the board he received a list of questions via email from the Union just prior to the meeting. He understood they were sent because Mr. Morley would not be able to attend the meeting. Most of the questions are for the Administrator or Actuary. In a phone call with Brian Powell, Ron understood that he had just learned about the questions as well. They are in regards to the Supplemental Benefit and how it is determined, and how it is calculated. The Actuary will be at the November meeting and it would be best to defer the questions to that meeting. The Board directed the administrator to forward the questions to the Actuary.

Sean Henderson and Karen Pottinger entered the meeting.

II APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED October 13, 2015

MOTION to approve amended minutes by J. Leicht  
SECONDED by K. Pottinger  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve and sign auditor Engagement Letter

The Engagement Letter was reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

MOTION to approve and authorized the Chairman to execute by J. Leicht  
SECONDED by R. Gabner  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approve Warrant

MOTION by J. Leicht to approve warrant  
SECONDED by K. Pottinger  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. Approve Fiduciary Liability Insurance

MOTION by J. Leicht to approve the renewal and payment of Fiduciary Liability Insurance and direct the administrator to send the waiver of recourse to the City to request payment of \$100.

## IV ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Ron Cohen said a matter came before the board at the September meeting. Michael Taussig filed a Form 8B, memorandum of voting conflict for County, Municipal, and other Local Public Officers. Michael disclosed that "a measure came or will come before the agency which inured to my special private gain or loss. A vote was taken by the Board of Trustees on what the annual fixed rate of interest credited to Tier One DROP Members for the upcoming fiscal year should be and I am a Tier One Member of the DROP". The form was signed by Michael Taussig on 09/23/2015. This form was read by Ron Cohen and entered into the minutes of that meeting.

That concluded the Attorney's Report

## V ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Monthly Summary was handed out for review.
- Ninger update. Two of three IMEs have been completed. The third one is being scheduled. The administrator will send cd of the records to each trustee. The administrator will update the board at the next meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a disability class at the recent FPPTA School. Ft Lauderdale has a fourth Doctor to review the other three IME Doctor's reports. This is something the board may want to look into. The attorney wants to research instituting this during the middle of a process. The attorney will call the administrator from Ft Lauderdale and get more information. This item will be discussed more at the next meeting.

A pension member asked if there are any circumstances that a pension member could lose his or her pension benefit. The administrator asked the attorney to give an explanation of the circumstances. If you are terminated because as a result of your admitted conviction of a specified offence, you can forfeit your pension. If you are retired and are convicted at any time of a specific offence that occurred while you were working at that job you are receiving a pension from, you could forfeit your pension. As always there are circumstances that have to be taken into account for the specific conviction.

A DROP participant would like to know if the board would approve an optional form of benefit that is other than the ones in the Ordinance. The member would like to opt for 33% survivor if possible. The attorney believes there is a provision in Chapter 175 that allows the participant to do it. There may be a provision the Lauderhill ordinance that may or may not allow it. The attorney also wrote to the actuary about this and is waiting to hear from him before he gives his final opinion. This item can be continued at the next meeting.

As a follow up on the Shane Vaughn military credited service question, the attorney said there is a provision in USERRA that allows somebody to get credit for more than five years of service. The attorney can look at Mr. Vaughn's orders if he would like to send them. They will need to see if Mr. Vaughn fits into the exceptions. There is a letter explaining this that Brent wrote and will forward it to the administrator. She can forward this to the member. The attorney or administrator will report when they have more information or hear from Mr. Vaughn.

This concludes the Administrator's Report

## VI OLD BUSINESS

## VII COMMUNICATIONS

## VII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 5:14 PM by Karen Pottinger.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara White