

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
316 NE FOURTH STREET, SUITE 2, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
Thursday, March 4, 2010

Board's Communication to the City Commission

Items Requiring City Commission Action

- None at this time

Items That May Be Of Interest To The City Commission

- None at this time

Items Submitted For City Commission Consideration

- None at this time

Chairman Bucci summoned the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Roll call was taken.

Present: John "Le" Bucci, Chairman
 Mark Darmanin, Vice Chairman
 Sean Jones, Secretary
 Julie Cameron
 Dr. Bob Helmholdt
 Julius Delisio
 Darlene Pfeiffer

Absent: Lynda Flynn, Acting Ex-Officio
 Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney

Also Present: David Desmond, Pension Administrator
 Jane Dyar, Pension & Recording Secretary
 Nicoletta Williams, Pension Receptionist

Chairman Bucci called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. He directed the Board to review the minutes of February 4, 2010. There was a short discussion. Mr. Darmanin suggested tabling the minutes to the next Board meeting to review them for conciseness. Dr. Helmholdt made the motion to table the minutes to the April 1, 2010 meeting. Mr. Darmanin seconded the motion. The Board agreed unanimously to table the minutes until the next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Chairman Bucci stated that the attorney's report would be forgone at this time. He explained that Mr. Dunckel had to excuse himself due to pressing matters and that there were no pressing issues currently.

POLICY REVIEW

Chairman Bucci asked the Board to discuss and review the following policies:

1. **Audit Policy:** a short discussion ensued amongst Board members while reviewing the policy. Dr. Helmholtz made the motion to approve the current policy as it stood. Board consensus was to keep the Audit Policy as it stood, so no changes were made.
2. **Investment Policy:** Chairman Bucci asked Mr. Desmond to review his suggested changes with the Board. Mr. Desmond then gave the Board a potential restructured portfolio example to compare to the current portfolio. Chairman Bucci asked to have the Investment Policy scheduled for the April Board Meeting to enable the Board time to review the suggested changes. Ms. Pfeiffer asked Mr. Desmond to provide a flow chart for the next Board meeting and asked that he be agendaed to give a presentation to the Board for a better understanding of the transitional managers and the transition process.
3. **Educational Travel Policy:** Ms. Pfeiffer asked that more clarity be made in the policy and handed out printed suggestions for Board consideration. Chairman Bucci asked that the Educational Policy be agendaed for the next meeting in April so the Board may review the policy and due consideration be given to changes.

REAL ESTATE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Darmanin reviewed the Sub-Committee meeting minutes for the Board. He explained the meeting was called due to two change orders and additional work orders because of maintenance and code issues. Additionally, he reassured the Board that the 5% cap on change costs has not been exceeded. Mr. Jones made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. Mr. Desmond suggested the location be added to the meeting heading. Mr. Jones amended his motion to include the meeting address. Ms. Cameron seconded the amended motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Mr. Darmanin asked the Pension Secretary to set up tentative Real Estate Sub-Committee meetings for March 16, 2010 and March 23, 2010 at 12:00 P.M. to be held at the 4800 Building. He then discussed the first draw and that payment was approved.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Desmond to acquire a site plan as well as further information on the foreclosed property adjoining the 316 Building for the next Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Desmond read an e-mail from Atara Hirsch, of Abraham Fruchter and Twersky, who stated that the necessary paperwork to enable the firm to move forward in representing the GERS Plan as a Lead Plaintiff was received too late. Chairman Bucci said that he questioned Mr. Dunkel regarding the Lead/Co-Lead action, however he had not had a reply as yet. It was the Board's consensus that the procedures in place regarding Lead Plaintiff actions were too lengthy. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to develop a process to streamline the procedure of review and qualification for future litigation.

Mr. Desmond relayed to the Board that in discussions with David Lee of Dahab

Associates, there are no readily available vehicles for short-term investments for the Global Capital portfolio. After a brief discussion, Mr. Delisio made the motion to immediately liquidate the Global portfolio and park it as cash or bonds with the Bank of New York Mellon. Ms. Pfeiffer seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Desmond broached the subject of the upcoming April 1st meeting, reminding everyone that he would not be able to attend. Dr. Helmholdt also indicated that he could not attend that day. Mr. Jones made a motion to move the April 1, 2010 meeting to April 8, 2010. Dr. Helmholdt seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW

Chairman Bucci handed out information and stated that Mr. Desmond filled out a PD-13. Jerry Crossley, the City's Classification and Compensation Manager, reviewed, evaluated, and analyzed Mr. Desmond's job description as Pension Administrator. Chairman Bucci highlighted the management category, pay range, parameters, and benefits for the Board's benefit for discussion.

Mr. Darmanin suggested a managerial audit of the Administrator on a periodic schedule; either quarterly, semi annual, or annually. He also suggested that there be a sub-committee to take charge of the review and title outline. Discussion ensued and Dr. Helmholdt made a motion to finalize the contract for Mr. Desmond for 1 year to March 2011. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued and Dr. Helmholdt amended his motion to continue Mr. Desmond's contract for 3 months. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. The Board unanimously accepted.

Mr. Delisio stated the Audit Sub-Committee would meet to discuss setting up criteria and pay level including category. The Board acknowledged and requested that Chairman Bucci attend the meeting as well.

MONTHLY FUND ASSET MIX

Mr. Desmond reviewed the asset mix for the Board and said the numbers were within parameters set by the Investment Policy.

BENEFIT REVIEW
March 2010

DROP TERMINATION

Name	Date
Cliff Bruening	3/22/10

POST RETIREMENT DEATH

Name	Date	Benefit
Richard Franklin	2/7/10	No Further Benefit
Florence Singer	1/24/10	No Further Benefit

BENEFIT REVIEW

Dr. Helmholdt made a motion to approve the benefits as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

Mr. Desmond noted for the Board that there were no new educational opportunities on the calendar.

BILLS

Dr. Helmholdt made a motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEASURE OF THE BOARD

Chairman Bucci apprized the Board of his meetings with the Mayor and Commissioners regarding a possible ordinance change allowing the GERS Pension Board the ability to grant retiree COLA's. He explained he was endeavoring to take the politics out of COLA decisions. Additionally, he briefed them on the closing of the GERS Plan.

Mr. Desmond announced that he received the paperwork from Gabriel Roeder Smith on the figures for the requested 1%, 2%, and 3% COLA costs. Mr. Desmond also noted Mr. Dunckel has finalized the actuary RFP language. Mr. Delisio asked Mr. Desmond to follow through with sending it out to the Actuary Firms.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

Mr. Darmanin stated that he felt the consensus of the Board was "None at this time" for all categories under "Board Communications to the City Commission". The Board agreed.

Dr. Helmholdt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pfeiffer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.