

**NEW HAVEN CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF)
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 8:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Cathy Graves, Trustee
Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee
Jerome Sagnella, Chairperson, Trustee
Susan Whetstone, Trustee
Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee
Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, Trustee

ALSO, PRESENT: Leanna Ambersley, Pension Administrator
Taylor Cannon, Payroll/Benefit Auditor
Fayan Robinson-Sims, Payroll/Benefit Auditor
Carolyn Kone, Fund Counsel, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman
Cyril Espanol
Damaris Rivera
Michele Chow-Tai
Gar Chung

Trustee Sagnella commenced the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 21, 2024, VIRTUAL MEETING

MOTION: Made by Trustee Graves to approve the minutes

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Pietrosimone

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CERF ESTABLISHED POLICY ON THE USE OF FUND CONSULTANTS

This item was continued to the next meeting; at which time, Carolyn Kone will draft proposed language for amending the Code of Conduct. A meeting with the City and the FA's is allowed at this time.

ITEM 3: AGE ANNUITY/ RULE OF 80 /EARLY RETIREMENT – Information Only

A. Walter Traynham

Position: Caretaker III

Date of Birth: 11/24/1948

Participation Date: 10/26/1987

Department: Parks

BU: 71

Retirement Date: 09/06/2024

ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Justin Augustine

Department: Communications

Participation date: 08/01/2016

Withdrawal date: 09/05/2024

BU: 3144

Resignation date: 08/26/2024

B. Azhaleia Reyes

Department: Food Service

Participation date: 06/13/2023

Withdrawal date: 09/12/2024

BU: 884

Resignation date: 11/06/2023

C. Edgar Colon

Department: Communications

Participation date: 10/21/2022

Withdrawal date: 09/12/2024

BU: 884

Resignation date: 08/02/2024

ITEM 5: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. ESTEBAN ORTIZ (DATE OF DEATH: 08/08/2024)

B. OWEN MCKEON (DATE OF DEATH: 07/24/2024)

C. PHILIP SCARPELLINO (DATE OF DEATH: 09/01/2024)

ITEM 6: SURVIVOR DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. GRACE RUBANO (DATE OF DEATH: 08/30/2024)

Trustee Sagnella asked for a moment of silence for Item 5 & 6

ITEM 7: PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: (See Attached Itemization)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve payment of the bills.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Whetstone

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 8: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Graves to adjourn
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Whetstone
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 A.M

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
8:00 a.m.

ITEM 7: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

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| BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: August 2024 | \$6,000.00 |
| Total Legal Expenses | \$6,000.00 |

C.) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

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| BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD LLP Invoice #191 | \$305.12 |
| BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD LLP Invoice #238 | \$570.85 |
| Total Administrative Expenses | \$875.97 |

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| Total Expenses | \$6,875.97 |
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ATTEST: *Dr. Kristy Sampieri* October 16, 2024 | 11:17 AM EDT
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Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, CERF Trustee