

**NEW HAVEN CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF)
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2021, 8:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Jerome Sagnella, Trustee
Cathy Graves, Trustee
Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee (exited 9:25am)
Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee
Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, Trustee (joined 8:06am)
Susan Whetstone, Trustee
Mario Zangari, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Leanna Ambersley, Pension Administrator
Taylor Cannon, Payroll/Benefit Auditor
Eva Crabtree, Payroll/Benefit Auditor
Carolyn Kone, Fund Counsel, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman
Derek Ciampini, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant
Wendy Coppola, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant
Dave Moran, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant
Ron Vaill, Raymond James
Rich Sych, Hooker & Holcombe
David Mendel, Hooker & Holcombe
Robert Lessard, Hooker & Holcombe
Pat Cannon, NH Firefighter, P&F Trustee (joined 9:16am)

Trustee Sagnella commences the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

ITEM 1: INVESTMENT REPORT:

A. Raymond James Presents.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20TH, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING**
- B. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL CERF MINUTES JANUARY 26TH, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING**

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve the minutes from January 20, 2021, and approval of Special CERF minutes January 26, 2021.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Graves

ABSTAIN: Trustee Zangari

MOTION CARRIED: by majority vote

ITEM 3: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- A. RE-EXAMINE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR FY 2021-2022**

MOTION: Made by Trustee Zangari to amend the chart to say City of New Haven CERF administrative expenses not including the investment managers fees. Have a separate report for the investment fees.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Whetstone

DISCUSSION: Trustees discuss how to explain the investment management fees

AMENDED MOTION: Trustee Zangari amended the motion to include a separate report which shows investment managers fees.

MOTION SECONDED: Trustee Gormany

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

- B. DISCUSS THE H&H 2020 EXPERIENCE STUDY TO ESTABLISH THE INVESTMENT RATE OF RETURN AND TO ESTABLISH THE ACTUARILY DETERMINED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION (Continued)**

Trustee Gormany and Trustee Mayor Elicker suggest 7.25% Rate of Return instead of the 7% as H&H had suggested, and to also stay at 2% inflation rate, instead of 1%.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Zangari to accept the 7.25% recommendation and take a look back at it every two years.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Pietrosimone asks if the inflator rate should be the same for both CERF and P&F. Trustee Zangari disagrees. Trustee Graves asks if H&H agrees with the recommendation from the City. Richard Sych explains based off of the Experience Study, the Trustees would be accepting everything H&H recommended. Two alternatives: the inflator, and the investment return assumption. The support for 7.25% would need to be worked on with Derek and the City. Derek thinks collaboratively the board can make solid investment decisions to support 7.25 in the long term.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Zangari to accept the 7.25% and the recommendation that they increase the contribution to 15.9 million and go forward with that change and anything that H&H recommends.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Mayor Elicker explains the City is recommending to adopt most, but not all of H&H's recommendations. Trustee Graves needs clarity around the motion. Trustee Mayor Elicker recommends for the motion that we are reducing the rate of return from 7.75% to 7.25%, we are adopting the experience study recommendations, and keeping the inflator rate the same. Rich Sych states that is accurate.

AMENDED MOTION: Made by Trustee Zangari to accept that as a friendly motion and a restatement.

MOTION SECONDED: Made by Trustee Elicker

MOTION CARRIED: By unanimous vote

ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Raquel Santiago

Department: LCI

BU: 3144

Participation date: 09/19/2016

Termination date: 1/8/2021

Withdrawal date: 1/21/2021

B. Elyse Russell

Department: Town Clerk

BU: 3144

Participation date: 09/29/2020

Termination date: 01/13/2021

Withdrawal date: 01/21/2021

C. Melissa Francetic

Department: BOE/Health

BU: 1303-467

Participation date: 08/27/2018

Termination date: 01/08/2021

Withdrawal date: 1/21/2021

D. Sabina Sitaru

Department: IT

BU: 3144

Participation date: 11/18/2019

Termination date: 06/30/2020

Withdrawal date: 2/4/2021

ITEM 5: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. EDWARD CARR (DATE OF DEATH: 11/17/2020)

B. NORMA THOMPSON (DATE OF DEATH: 1/21/2021)

C. CARMELA PUNZO (DATE OF DEATH: 1/16/2021)

ITEM 6: SURVIVOR DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. FANNIE HOOD (DATE OF DEATH: 11/20/2020)

B. DANIEL KIRBY (DATE OF DEATH: 2/4/2021)

Trustee Sagnella requests a moment of silence for those in Item 5 and 6

ITEM 7: DEATH WHILE ACTIVE – INFORMATION ONLY

A. ANGELA HURLBURT (DATE OF DEATH: 11/16/2020)

B. ROBERT SABIA (DATE OF DEATH: 11/30/2020)

Trustee Sagnella requests a moment of silence for those in Item 7

ITEM 8: PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: (See Attached Itemization)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Graves to pay the bills

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Zangari

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote.

ITEM 9: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Graves to adjourn.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Zangari

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.

ITEM 8: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES JANUARY 2021 STATEMENT #65185	\$6,373.14
Total Legal Expenses	\$6,373.14

B). INVESTMENT EXPENSES:

Cooke & Bieler- ending 12/31/2020 (Investment Counsel Service)	\$40,560.42
FULLER & THALER – 4th QUARTER 10/01/2020-12/31/2020	\$36,421.00
Total Investment Expenses	\$76,981.42

C). ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

HOOKER & HOLCOMBE – 10/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	\$11,500
Inv. # HOH008114	
Total Administrative Expenses	\$11,500

Total Expenses	\$94,854.56
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ATTEST:

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, CERF Trustee