

GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
MICHIGAN

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.  
233 East Fulton Street

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman David Tryc. Other members present: Martin Timkovich, Mr. James Stokes, Ms. Dianette Hight, Mr. Michael Hawkins, and Mr. Walter Gutowski. Absent: Chairman J. Patrick Scripps.

Also present: Ms. Peggy Korzen, Executive Director of the Retirement System, Ms. Elizabeth White, Deputy City Attorney and Legal Advisor to the Board, and Ms. Sharon Swoboda.

Mr. Hawkins made the motion to excuse the absence of Chairman Scripps. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gutowski and carried. {Ms. Hight arrived at 8:01 a.m.}

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Moved by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Gutowski, the following items were approved by the Board of Trustees pursuant to a consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2011.
- Retirements: five age & service and one early:

**Age & Service Retirements:**

<u>Name/Option</u>	<u>Credited Svc.</u>	<u>Ret. Date</u>	<u>Avg. Salary</u>	<u>Pension</u>
<b>Allard, Bradley R.</b> Option B-Pop-100: Life of Member Beneficiary: Lila Allard, Mother Pop-up potential of \$973.24 if beneficiary predeceases retiree	10 yrs. 8 mo.	10/29/2011	\$40,551.67	<u>\$921.61</u> \$921.61 (potential to beneficiary)
<b>Bessey, Karen M.</b> Option A-Straight Life: Life of Member	29 yrs. 6 mo.	10/26/2011	\$39,710.33	<u>\$2,635.77</u>
<b>Elmore, Margaret K.</b> Option A-Straight Life: Life of Member	12 yrs. 8 mo.	10/01/2011	\$59,804.33	<u>\$1,704.43</u>
<b>Fricke, Dennis L.</b> Option b-Pop-50: Life of Member Beneficiary: Tina M. Amante, Daughter Pop-up potential of \$2,994.56 if beneficiary predeceases retiree	26 yrs. 0 mo.	09/25/2011	\$51,189.00	<u>\$2,480.48</u> \$1,240.24 (potential to beneficiary)
<b>Harden, Dixie J.</b> Option B-Pop-100: Life of Member Beneficiary: Gary L. Harden, Husband Pop-up potential of \$2,408.05 if beneficiary predeceases retiree	21 yrs. 0 mo.	10/07/2011	\$50,964.00	<u>\$2,002.39</u> \$2,002.39 (potential to beneficiary)

**Early Retirement:**

<u>Name/Option</u>	<u>Credited Svc.</u>	<u>Ret. Date</u>	<u>Avg. Salary</u>	<u>Pension</u>
<b>Gunderson, Sonja L.</b> Option A-Straight Life: Life of Member	20 yrs. 3 mo.	09/17/2011	\$48,977.00	<u>\$1,621.86</u>

- Payment of administrative expenses of \$3,615.73 for the period 08/01/11 – 08/31/11.

**The motion carried.** {Mr. Stokes arrived at 8:03 a.m.}

Ms. Korzen next presented a report of Cash Account transfers for the period 10/01/11 – 12/31/11. The Retirement Systems Office staff projected a need for \$2,625,000 to be transferred to the cash account as follows: \$875,000 on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$875,000 on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$875,000 on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Korzen recommended, and Mr. William Bensur of Wilshire Associates agreed to, making the transfers as follows:

October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Western Asset Management	\$875,000
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	To be determined	\$875,000
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	To be determined	<u>\$875,000</u>
Total		\$2,625,000

As this account is overfunded, the transfer will serve to bring it back toward its target percentage. (Cash Account Report found on page )

Ms. Korzen presented the Public Act 314 Asset Analysis showing a market value of \$335,680,946 on August 31, 2011. The report was received and filed by the Vice Chairman. (Analysis on page )

Ms. Korzen next presented an appeal of the denial of the non-duty disability retirement request from Ms. Sharon D. Swoboda. Following Trustee discussion, Mr. Timkovich made the motion to deny the appeal of the denial of the non-duty disability retirement request from Ms. Sharon Swoboda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stokes and carried.

The Executive Director provided Trustees with an update on the disability re-examination process and noted that she has received all of the medical records that were requested for Mr. Robert Martin and his medical evaluation is scheduled for October 6, 2011. She also noted that the psychological issue raised by Dr. Hollander, pertaining to Mr. Thomas Armock, has yet to be resolved. The report from Mr. Armock's psychological evaluation was provided to Dr. Hollander in July to see if he could review it and clarify any issues regarding his initial report on Mr. Armock. She stated that she will contact Dr. Hollander to see if he has had time to review the report and provide some feedback to Trustees regarding this issue.

Ms. Korzen provided Trustees with a draft disability retirement appeal procedure. She noted that the appeal procedure outlined in City Code is somewhat different than that in the Police & Fire Retirement System, so a separate policy was in order. The draft procedure and appeal application, if adopted by Trustees, would help give more structure and clarity to the appeals process. She asked Trustees to review the documents and provide her with feedback so a final draft can be brought to Trustees for approval at the November 2011 Board meeting.

The Executive Director noted that the term of office for Ms. Dianne Hight will expire the first Monday in January 2012. A posting has been sent out to departments notifying them of this and

nomination petitions are available in the Retirement Systems Office and must be turned in by Friday, September 23, 2011. To date, Ms. Hight is the only person to pick up a petition.

There were no comments on items not on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

The next General Retirement System Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 8:45 a.m., 233 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Peggy Korzen  
Executive Director  
General Retirement System