MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

Meeting Date
November 12, 2024

The following members were present:
Robert Simmons
Csilla Ludanyi
Don Davison
Roland Bassett, Jr.
Trina Jankowski

The following members were absent:
Lewis Rosen
Rodney Low

Also attending was Ron Kern and Katie Hendrick (Graystone Consulting)

It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 1:00.

Motion to approve minutes of August 6, 2024 was made by Don Davison; second by Roland Bassett, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Kern and Katie Hendrick with the Quantitative Group, presented the Performance Evaluation. The following illustrates the returns and balances for the quarter:

	Market Value	Actual Return	Benchmark	
ishares S&P 500ETF	25,582,000	5.74%	Standard & Poors 500	5.89%
Vanguard Mid Cap ETF	14,016,000	9.36%	Russell Midcap	9.21%
ishares S&P Small Cap	7,381,000	10.14%	S&P Small Cap 600	10.13%
ishares MSCI EAFE ETF	5,050,000	7.45%	MSCI EAFE Index	8.06%
ishares MSCI Emerging Mkts	1,270,000	7.25%	MSCI EM Net	8.72%
American Funds New World	1,138,000	6.92%	MSCI EM Net	8.72%
baird aggregate bond fund	4,764,000	5.00%	Bloomberg Inter Govt	5.20%
Nuveen Core Bond Fund	4,739,000	4.81%	Bloomberg Inter Govt	5.20%
PIMCO Income Fund	3,739,000	4.52%	Bloomberg Inter Govt	5.20%
Bluerock Total Income	726,000	0.79%	NCREIF Property Index	0.74%
Cion Ares Diversified Credit	2,354,000	2.46%	Morningstar LSTA	2.09%
Pomona Investment	2,422,000	0.00%	Cambridge US Prime Eq.	0.00%
FS Credit REIT	2,397,000			
Cash	2,361,899			
	77,939,899			

Ron discussed the performance report. He referred to page 9 of the report which discloses all fees and pointed out that total fees are approximately .36% and fees have been very carefully controlled. The Fund performance was up 6.43% for the quarter and up 13.02% for the 12 months ended September 30, 2024.

The fund was rewarded for staying invested during the tough times at the beginning of the year and is well diversified by asset class. The Plan is now returning some of the previous large gains.

Total rate of return since inception has been 7.17%; total over 10 years has been 7.02%.

Ron Kern made the recommendation to put excess cash into the Nuveen Bond Fund in order to meet the Investment Policy Fund requirement. Motion made by Csilla Ludanyi; second by Robert Simmons. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding a request to the City to make a change to the Cap. Motion was made by Csilla Ludanyi a request to Rudd and Wisdom for a study of the following: Effect on the Plan of changing the cap to $75,000 and to $100,000, using the 2.65 multiplier, with no additional contribution from employees or the City. Secondly, what would the additional contribution be for the above if the amortization period remains at 8.9. Motion seconded by Roland Bassett, Jr.; vote was unanimous.

Csilla Ludanyi moved, with a second from Don Davison, to accept the new 3 year contract from Rudd and Wisdom. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Davison left the meeting.

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, February 5, 2025

Compiled financial statements for the quarter showed an increase in changes in net assets of $9,769,464 for year to date. The compilation report was discussed, including specifically the categories of investment income, benefits paid, administrative fees and the comparison to the same period in the prior year.

With no further business or requests, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

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Ann Masel, Plan Administrator

Term expiration dates:
Robert Simmons-11/26
Trina Janlowski-11/26
Rodney Low-11/26
Don Davison-Board designee 8/26
Roland Bassett-8/26
Lewis Rosen-Board designee 2/4/20
Csilla Ludanyi-City Finance appt.