

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY OF GALVESTON RETIREMENT FUND
FOR POLICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The following members were present:

Destin Sims

Xavier Hancock

Dan Buckley

Hal Rochkind

Jonathan Coward

Csilla Ludanyi

Geoff Gainer

Scott Gordon

The following members were absent:

None

Also attending were Ron Kern (Graystone Consulting), David Sawyer (Definiti)

It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by Geoff Gainer at 10:00.

There were no public comments.

Scott Gordon, the new City appointee filling Richard Moore's unexpired term, was introduced.

Hal Rochkind moved approving the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting; second by Csilla Ludanyi.; Motion passed unanimously.

Geoff Gainer was re-elected as Chair. Motion was made by Dan Buckley; second by Csilla Ludanyi, and carried unanimously.

Dan Buckley was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Motion was made by Dan Buckley; second by Csilla Ludanyi, and carried unanimously.

Dan Buckley moved, with a second by Geoff Gainer for ratification of loans to Watson, Blake, Calistar, Duenez, Sullivan, Bailey, Mitchell and Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.(4

Csilla Ludanyi discussed the proposal for new auditors. One proposal was received. Motion was made to accept the bid from Forvis for a one-year contract for \$24,000, and to go out for bids in June, 2024. Motion was made by Hal Rochkind; second by Destin Sims. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the withholding of pension contribution from roll-out pay when an officer terminates employment, but not receiving credit for that contribution in the calculation of their pension pay, Destin Sims moved, with a second by Dan Buckley, that the actuary perform a study on the impact to the Plan of eliminating withheld City and officer contributions on roll-out and supplemental payments made to retiring officers, with the caveat that the cost of the study will not exceed \$2,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Kern and Katie Hendin discussed the investment performance report. YTD the portfolio is up 14.15% through 12/31/23, Since inception of 3/89, the fund is up 7.79%. Quarter to date the fund is up 8.66%, compared to the composite benchmark which is up quarter to date by 11.03%. Fees remain at 0.41% combined annual fees. (5c)

<u>Manager</u>	Market Value	Actual	Benchmark	
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	7,370,309	11.68%	Standard & Poors 500	11.69%
Vanguard Mid Cap	3,256,960	12.27%	Russell MidCap	12.82%
iShares Core S&P Small-Cap	2,250,518	15.10%	S&P Small Cap 600	15.12%
iShares Cove MSCI EAFE ETF	2,779,458	10.95%	MSCI EAFE Index	10.42%
iShares MSCI Emerging Mkts ET	812,365	7.90%	MSCI EM Net	8.91%
American Funds New World	862,506	8.91%	MSCI EM Net	8.91%
Nuveen Asset Mgmt	6,920,316	4.22%	Barclays US Aggre	4.56%
Bluerock Total Income	399,437	-5.21%	ncreif property index	16.04%
Ares Diversified Credit	536,730	3.71%	S&P LSTA leveraged	2.87%
Pomona Investment	523,676	2.64%	S&P Global Private Eq	2.01%
Cash	512,113			
Total	26,224,388			

There were no recommendations for change at this meeting.

Dan and Csilla left the meeting at 10:55.

The compilation was reviewed. Year to date loss at December 31, 2023 was 3,870,241 compared to a loss of (3,540,010) for the same period in the prior year.

The Board consensus was to defer the review and discussion of necessary bylaw changes, and to also include the Plan Document in future reviews. Future items for discussion will be the letter received from Retiree Hoecker and discussion for COLA for retirees.

Future action items requested:

None

Future discussion items requested:

- 1) Review and discuss changes to Plan bylaws
- 2) Determination of how years of service are calculated and admin (unpaid) leave impacts years of service, and how that is communicated to the administration and the Plan (Geoff Gainer will call a special meeting to discuss)
- 3) discussion for COLA for retirees.

The next regular meeting was set for **Tuesday, May 7, 2024.**

With no further business or requests, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Ann Masel
Plan Administrator

Notes: Officer's terms:
Gainer-designee of President of GMPA
Hancock-2024
Coward-2025
Sims-2026
Ludanyi-Pleasure of City Manager
Buckley-Pleasure of City Manager
Rochkind-expired 9/25 Council appt
Gordon-9/24 Mayoral appt