

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

Meeting Date

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

The following members were present:

Destin Sims

Zack Perry

Dan Buckley

Hal Rochkind

Jonathan Coward

Csilla Ludanyi

Geoff Gainer

Scott Gordon

The following members were absent:

None

Also attending were Ron Kern and Katie Hendin (Graystone Consulting)

It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by Geoff Gainer at 10:00. Chairman Gainer introduced Officer Zack Perry, who takes the place of Officer Xavier Hancock.

There were no public comments.

Dan Buckley moved approving the minutes of the May 6, 2024 regular meeting and June 4, 2024 special meeting; second by Geoff Gainer. Motion passed unanimously.

Csilla Ludanyi moved, with a second by Dan Buckley for ratification of loans to Eguis, Duenez, Blake, Dominguez, Tauch and Michael. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Kern and Katie Hendin discussed the investment performance report. YTD the portfolio is up 6.00% through 6/30/24; 12 month return is 12.01% Quarter to date the fund is up 0.94%, compared to the composite benchmark which is up quarter to date by 2.10%. Fees remain at 0.41% combined annual fees.

The prior week suffered from market losses which gave back much of the gains made through the beginning of the year. All investments remain diversified, with the largest holdings in S&P 500 stocks.

	Market Value	Actual Return	Benchmark	
ishares S&P 500ETF	7,932,646	4.28%	Standard & Poors 500	4.28%
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There were no recommendations for change at this meeting.

Csilla will be issuing an RFP through the City for the December 31, 2024 audit services. Selection of the firm, by the Board, will be an action item at the November, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Gainer appointed a committee to study possible plan changes that will impact the Plan in the future. The Committee is comprised of:

Chairman-Dan Buckley

Destin Sims

Scott Gordon

Csilla Ludanyi

The results of the study will be brought to the Board at the February meeting. Items to be considered include:

- 1) 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
- 2) calculations and reporting of unpaid administrative leave and military leave
- 3) calculation of years of service using 60-months rather than 5 years, and changing the data sheet to/from the actuary that clearly reflects the 60-month period used and also requiring sign off by HR for eligible years of service before submission to actuary

An action item for the next meeting will be a discussion and possible approval of requesting the actuary to perform a study of a COLA for retired officers.

The compilation was reviewed. Year to date gain at June 30, 2024 was \$205,239 compared to a gain of \$663,016 for the same period in the prior year. The amount of City contributions received in October, 2022 were \$2,744,066; in October, 2023 they were \$2,880,800.

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 action items requested:

- 1) Possible approval of actuarial study regarding a COLA
- 2) Approval of audit firm for December 31, 2024 audit

Future discussion items requested:

- 1) Review and discuss changes to Plan bylaws
- 2) Report from Committee chosen (above) to review determination of how years of service are calculated, impact of admin (unpaid) leave and military service, and contributions in the calculation of rollout pay.

The next regular meeting was set for **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the office of Ham, Langston and Brezina, LLP**. This meeting is one week later than the usually scheduled meeting due to Biker's Week.

With no further business or requests, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49

Ann Masel
Plan Administrator

Notes: Officer's terms:
Gainer-designee of President of GMPA
Perry-2027??
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

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