

The regular meeting of the board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement Fund of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:01 a.m.

Those attending with voting privileges were Mayor Gorton, Chief Wells, Chief Weathers, Erin Hensley, Roger Vance, Matthew Swiderski, Ethan Jennings, Glenda George, Ken Armstrong, Trey Abell, and Brad Hawkins. Those attending without voting privileges: Susan Combs, Board Secretary, David Barberie, legal counsel for the fund and Tonia Walters. Absent was Tommy Puckett.

Mayor Gorton opened the meeting. Dan McCormack and Greg Hossbein from Segall Bryant & Hamill presented their due diligence presentation. At the conclusion, Callan presented their comments as well as the 4Q2023 performance review. The highlights are, total fund assets stood at \$909.3 million, an increase of approximately \$59.6 million from the third quarter. For the quarter, the total fund returned 7.93% (gross of fees) versus 8.42% for the policy benchmark. The performance ranked in the 50th percentile of its peer universe. In the last year, the total fund returned 12.88% versus 12.76% for the policy benchmark. Long-term performance continues to be strong as the ten-year annualized return of 7.19% exceeds the benchmark and ranked 36th percentile of peers. After the overview of the fourth quarter, Callan brought before the board an email from Jennsion Growth Equity fund regarding a new share class with a lower fee (.35%). Callan is on board with this new share class and encouraged the board to proceed. Erin Hensley made a motion to proceed with the change and sign any documents needed to convert over to the new share class. This motion was seconded by Ken Armstrong. Motion approved. The last item Callan presented was regarding the management changes with JP Morgan Strategic Property Fund. With the new changes, Callan suggested that the Fund enter into the full redemption queue and to start the process for a new manager search. Chief Wells made a motion to enter the queue for a full redemption, motion seconded by Ken Armstrong. Motion approved. Chief Wells also made the motion to start a new manager search for the Strategic Property Fund, motion seconded by Ken Armstrong. Motion approved.

Dale Morgan presented the treasurer's report. He referred to the documentation that was distributed earlier regarding cash receipts and disbursements. The current value of the fund was \$914,005,732.12, motion to approve was made by Roger Vance and seconded by Brad Hawkins. Motion approved.

Board minutes for December 2023 and January 2024 were presented. A motion by Chief Wells with a correction on December's minutes and seconded by Matthew Swiderski to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Purchase of ghost time for Paul Boyles, Trenton Bray, Jarvis Harris and Matthew Merker were presented. A motion from Brad Hawkins and seconded by Ethan Jennings to approve the above ghost time contract. Motion approved.

The widow's annuities for Shelley Carter was presented. A motion to approve the widow's annuities made by Erin Hensley and seconded by Roger Vance. Motion approved.

The board secretary brought a request before the board to have Shred it come and destroy all of the retiree, widow and ghost time files that have been scanned into OnBase. Erin Hensley made a motion to approve the cost up to \$750.00, motion seconded by Glenda George. Motion approved.

Disbursements were approved following a motion by Roger Vance and seconded by Chief Wells.

Disbursements for February:

1. Payroll	\$	7,109,315.53
2. Redpoint Medical (IME)	\$	2,600.00
3. Cavanaugh Macdonald (impact statement)	\$	3,000.00
Total	\$	7,114,915.53

The application of Officer Edward Thurman, Division of Police, for a service retirement effective January 11, 2024, was submitted. Brad Hawkins moved to approve Mr. Thurman's service retirement. Motion was seconded by Ethan Jennings. Motion approved.

The application of Officer Eric Taylor, Division of Police, for a service retirement effective February 10, 2024, was submitted. Brad Hawkins moved to approve Mr. Thurman's service retirement. Motion was seconded by Ethan Jennings. Motion approved.

The application of Captain Arthur Ashley, Division of Fire, for a service retirement effective January 26, 2024, was submitted. Trey Abell moved to approve Mr. Ashley's service retirement. Motion was seconded by Matt Swiderski. Motion approved.

The application of Jesse Harris, Division of Police, to convert his existing service retirement to a total and permanent occupational disability was submitted. Chief Wells moved to send to appropriate doctors, motion seconded by Chief Weathers. Motion approved.

The application of Albert Johnson, Division of Police, to convert his existing service retirement to a total and permanent occupational disability was submitted. Chief Wells moved to send to appropriate doctors, motion seconded by Chief Weathers. Motion approved.

The application of Jason Green, Division of Fire, third doctor's report submitted. Matt Swiderski moved to approve occupational disability at the appropriate rate motion seconded by Ken Armstrong. Motion approved.

Mary Foster, widow of Robert Foster, Division of Fire passed away on January 8, 2024

Anderson Carter, Division of Police passed away on January 16, 2024

Carolyn Story, widow of Paul Story, Division of Fire passed away on January 27, 2024

Mary Lou Scalf, widow of Oll Scalf, Division of Fire passed away on January 29, 2024

Sub-Committee Updates

Continuation of Benefits sub-committee - No update.

Legislative sub-committee - Erin Hensley discussed scheduling an informational workshop for March. Commissioner Hensley made a motion to set a date in March, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Motion approved.

Organizational sub-committee - No update

Commssioner Hensley brought before the board an audit finding when reviewing military leave. The process was not capturing all departments within Police and Fire during 2019-2023. This issue has been fixed and you can see the amount that was corrected in the AFER on page 63.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Susan Combs
Secretary