

The regular monthly meeting of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County was held on April 15, 2021 via Teams Meeting/Conference Call. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

Roll Call of the Board members was made: Board members, Ted Puzak, Amy Weise representing Chelsa Wagner, Rich Fitzgerald, Jennifer Liptak, Sarah Roka, Frank DiCristofaro, and Mr. Weinstein were in attendance.

Also, in attendance: Walter Szymanski, Manager, Retirement Office, Brian Gabriel, Campbell Durrant, Solicitor, Chris Brokaw and Tim Walters, AndCo Consulting, and Ed Boyer, Asset Strategy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka, to approve the February 2021 Financial Statements. The reports are generated by the Controller's Office Board Secretary.

- Pension Fund Assets
- Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets
- RBAC Balance Sheet

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The board unanimously approved a motion by Sarah Roka, duly seconded by Frank DiCristofaro, to approve the April 2021 Invoices.

APRIL VENDOR EXPENSES

VENDOR	DATE	AMOUNT
GRIDIRON PARTNERS MGMT PARTNERS-FI		\$ -
GRIDIRON MGMT PARTNERS-MA		\$ -
CIM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (Fixed Income)		\$ -
CIM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (Small Cap)		\$ -
CIM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (Israel Bonds)		\$ -
CSM ADVISORS, LLC		\$ -
COOKSON PEIRCE & CO INC		\$ -
EARNEST PARTNERS		\$ -
EMERALD ADVISERS (All Cap)		\$ -
EMERALD ADVISERS (Small Cap)		\$ -
EMSTONE ADVISERS, LLC	10/1/20-12/31/20	\$ 2,771.49
FEDERATED (Core Broad)		\$ -
FEDERATED (High Yield)		\$ -
F.N.B. WEALTH MANAGEMENT		\$ -
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS (Select Int'l Plus)		\$ -
FRAGASSO FINANCIAL ADVISORS		\$ -
HARVEST FUND ADVISORS LLC	1/1/21-1/28/21	\$ 8,229.80
HARVEST FUND ADVISORS LLC	10/1/20-12/31/20	\$ 30,884.32
iNetworks OF, LLC		\$ -
MELLON CAPITAL		\$ -
COLUMBUS MACRO, LLC (formerly Raylient)		\$ -
SALIENT		\$ -
SALIENT		\$ -
SEGALL, BRYANT & HAMILL		\$ -
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS (MSCI World)		\$ -
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS (S&P 500)		\$ -
TWIN CAPITAL MANGEMENT		\$ -

Total Vendor Invoices for Approval

\$41,885.61

PENSION APPLICATIONS

The board unanimously approved a motion by Sarah Roka, duly seconded by Frank DiCristofaro, to approve pension applications filed with the Retirement Office for the month of April 2021.

- Early Voluntary 8
- Full Retirement 14

A. Independent Medical Exam Opinion for Disability Applications Approvals

- The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka, to approve the disability application of member #080795 upon the recommendation of three designated physicians that the member **IS** totally and permanently disabled from gainful employment in Allegheny County.*
- The board unanimously approved a motion by Sarah Roka, duly seconded by Frank DiCristofaro, to approve the disability application of member #098375 upon the recommendation of three designated physicians that the member **IS** totally and permanently disabled from gainful employment in Allegheny County.*

B. Independent Medical Exam Opinion for Disability Applications Denials

- The board unanimously approved a motion by Sarah Roka, duly seconded by Frank DiCristofaro, to approve the disability application of member #095683 upon the recommendation of three designated physicians that the member **IS NOT** totally and permanently disabled from gainful employment in Allegheny County.*

MANAGER'S REPORT

Walter Szymanski

The Dashboard Retiree Payroll is up 5.69%, YTD. Total Contribution Made are up 5.26%. Contributions Refunded down -18.88%. Total Retirements YTD down -35.71%. Pension Estimates are down -36.47%. Capital Calls down -74.29%. Capital Calls as of prior board meeting \$992,552.76

The Office budget is as of March 31, 2021.

Board Approval Request

- The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka to approve the print, mail and release of the annual*

- report on the website the first week of May.*
- b. The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka to accept and approve the 2020 audited financial statements and schedules from Case Sabatini.*
 - c. The board unanimously approved a motion by Frank DiCristofaro, duly seconded by Sarah Roka to approve the renewal of Asset Strategy Consultants contract for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$120,000, \$123,000, and \$126,000.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Brian Gabriel

The solicitor's report is current as of April 8, 2021. Most updates fall under #3, Local Agency Appeals/Disability Pension Matters which includes pending and recently closed disability and other local agency appeals. Direct questions to the Mr. Gabriel as needed. No questions were presented at this time.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

AndCO

Chris Brokaw

State Street Fees, at the request of AndCo, have lowered the fee on two investments, S&P and MSCI Fund by an additional 1 basis point which will save \$9,000 annually. Mr. Brokaw is coordinating the paperwork to finalize the implementation of the lower fee.

Market Update

As of February 28, 2021, equities posted positive returns year-to-date. The S&P 500 gained 1.7%. Rising rates negatively impacted fixed income returns. The Barclay's Aggregate returned -2.2% year-to-date.

Small Cap and Value equity strategies have outperformed in the YTD period. The Small Cap Value Russell 2000 index is up 15%, while Large Cap Growth Russell 1000 is down - 0.8%. This is a reversal from the market performance since February 2020. The roll out of vaccines and opening the economy in the fourth quarter 2020 encouraged the equity market rotation. This performance trend has continued in the first quarter 2021.

Total Fund at \$1,012,930,171 as of February 28, 2021, which includes \$5.5 million in net cash outflows that primarily represent benefit payments. Net cash flows from the private equity composite of -\$3.1 million mean that they are distributing more cash back to the retirement pension fund than they are

receiving in contributions. The portfolio is performing well with returns of 1.34% for February 2021 and 1.69% YTD.

Asset Strategy

Ed Boyer

Update on the forecast on distributions. Estimate originally was \$15.5 to 18.6 million coming back, however Greenspring, a venture capital, where the Allegheny County Retirement has multiple allocations, foresees an additional \$10 – 12 million over the next 18 months. The drivers come from the secondary fund I, originally committed \$1 million investment in a Korean food delivery service, WOO WAH Brothers which has been taken over by another business and expected to yield 5 times investment net. Global footprint, fees are generally 75 basis points, fee friendly. Aggregate the amount \$25 – 30 million back in the next coming months. Greenspring is in the market with Secondary Fund V and will discuss further at the May meeting.

A summary memo will be created regarding a legal document from the fund, iNetworks to request an extension, effective June or July, update on the fee schedule as well.

Thank you for extending the Asset Strategy contract and your confidence in our work.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Board meeting May 20, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. Weinstein to adjourn at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chelsa Wagner, Secretary

