

## MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. Scott Ford at 9:05 a.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ford led the pledge of allegiance.

### Members Present

Chief G. Scott Ford, Chairman  
Lt. Chad King, Vice-Chairman  
Rep. Tony Bacala  
Maj. Raymond Burkart, Jr.  
Sgt. Michael Calloway  
Capt. (Retired) Willie Joe Greene  
Mayor Gerard Landry  
Mr. Rick McGimsey, Div. of Administration Designee  
Ms. Amy Mathews, State Treasurer Designee  
Sgt. (Retired) Larry Reech  
Chief Michael Suchanek  
Mayor Donald Villere

### Members Absent

Chief Michael Glaser  
Chief Dwayne Munch  
Senator Barrow Peacock

### Others Present

Mr. Benjamin A. Huxen II, Executive Director & General Counsel  
Ms. Daphne Rusk, MPERS, Office Administrator  
Ms. Melissa Rayburn, MPERS, Benefits Administrator  
Ms. Taylor Camp, MPERS, CFO  
Mr. David Barnes, NEPC  
Mr. Gary Curran, Actuary  
Ms. Margaret Corley, Attorney, Senate Retirement Committee  
Mr. Tyler Bosworth, Attorney, House Retirement Committee  
Ms. Sheri Morris, Daigle Fisse & Kessenich  
Mr. Jean Beckemeyer, NOPD, Retired  
Mr. Wallace Lore, NOPD, Retired  
Mr. William LaBiche, NOPD, Retired  
Mr. Dave Majewski, BMO Global Asset Management  
Mr. Chris Jenks, BMO Global Asset Management  
Mr. Lowell Good, Actuary, Louisiana Legislative Auditor  
Ms. Nicole Edmonson, Asst. Legislative Auditor/State Audit Services

### Public Comment

Chairman G. Scott Ford called for public comment. There was no comment from the public at this time.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Suchanek seconded by Mr. Burkart to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2019. Without objection, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Investment Consultant's Report

Mr. David Barnes represented NEPC and presented the Investment Market Update for the system. The total market value as of February 28, 2019 was \$2,069,917,489 and performance was up 1.7% for the month and down 0.1% for the fiscal year to date.

Mr. Barnes reviewed the 2019 investment policy target that was approved at the February 20, 2019 board meeting and explained the theme was to reduce equity, mostly from international equity, and to increase safe-haven assets from 28% to 33% target.

Mr. Barnes then presented and explained the 2019 rebalancing proposal in order to meet the newly approved policy targets.

Motion by Ms. Mathews seconded by Mr. Villere to approve the 2019 rebalancing proposal as recommended by NEPC. Without objection, the motion carried.

### Request for Proposals

Mr. Barnes outlined the process for the RFPs from Intermediate-Term Investment Grade Fixed Income managers with a total allocation to the selected manager to be approximately \$50 million. NEPC and MPERS's staff will review RFPs and select three finalist managers to be interviewed by the board at the July 17, 2019 board meeting.

Mr. Barnes provided the minimum eligibility requirements and a timeline for the selection process as follows:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
RFP issuance and advertisement period	April 5 – May 17, 2019
Deadline for submission of written questions	May 17, 2019
Responses to RFP questions posted	May 24, 2019
Deadline for submission of cover letter	May 31, 2019
Finalists interviews	July 17, 2019
Contract awarded	As soon as practical following finalist selection and completion of contract negotiation

Motion by Mr. Calloway seconded by Mr. King to approve the RFP timeline and selection process as submitted by NEPC. Without objection, the motion carried.

### **BMO Global Asset Management**

Mr. Dave Majewski and Mr. Chris Jenks represented BMO Global Asset Management and presented its annual report to the board. The market value as of February 28, 2019 was \$126,655,839.

### Actuarial Comments

Mr. Curran provided the firm's contract for fiscal year 2019 – 2020 Actuarial Services for approval. Motion by Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Villere to approve the one-year contract as presented by G. S. Curran & Company, LLC. Without objection, the motion carried.

Mr. Huxen introduced the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's new actuary, Mr. Lowell Good, and also thanked Ms. Nicole Edmonson for attending the meeting.

Executive Director and General Counsel Comments

Mr. Huxen provided the board with a list of invoices paid by the retirement system during the prior month for their review. The board had no questions regarding any payments issued.

Mr. Huxen provided the board with a list of all retirement and DROP applications that have been processed since the prior month for their review.

Mr. Huxen provided an update to the implementation of the new pension administration system. He stated that MPERS is at 37% of completion of the work schedule which is 3% ahead of schedule.

Mr. Huxen announced that Ms. Taylor Camp, MPERS's CFO, recently passed the final CPA exam and congratulated her on her accomplishment.

MPERS vs. City of Baton Rouge, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC, No. 644,979, Sec. 22

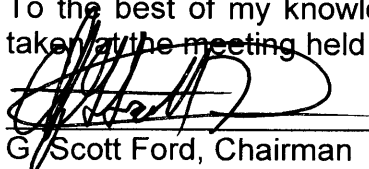
Discussion regarding (1) retirement benefits paid to rehired employees and (2) certain municipalities' failure to enroll eligible employees and remit contributions

Motion by Mr. Villere by Mr. King to enter into executive session at 9:58 a.m. to discuss item 6(e): Baton Rouge post-overtime overtime issues under the provisions of R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and item 6(f) rehired retirees and enrollment issues under the provisions of R.S. 42:17(A)(10) to facilitate privileged communications under La. Code Evid. Art. 506. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. King seconded by Mr. Calloway to return to open session at 11:00 a.m. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. Suchanek to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Without objection, the motion carried.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes accurately represent the actions taken at the meeting held March 20, 2019.

  
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G. Scott Ford, Chairman

  
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Ben Huxen,  
Executive Director & General Counsel