

## MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. Scott Ford at 9:03 a.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Larry Reech led the pledge of allegiance.

### Members Present

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

### Members Absent

Rep. Tony Bacala  
Mr. Rick McGimsey, Div. of Administration Designee  
Chief Dwayne Munch  
Senator Barrow Peacock

### Others Present

Mr. Benjamin A. Huxen II, Executive Director & General Counsel  
Ms. Melissa Rayburn, MPERS, Benefits Administrator  
Ms. Taylor Camp, MPERS, CFO  
Mr. David Barnes, NEPC, Investment Consultant  
Mr. Greg Curran, G. S. Curran & Co., Actuary  
Ms. Sheri Morris, Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, Attorney  
Ms. Kristen Jackson, Dimensional Fund Advisors  
Mr. Horacio Carias, Dimensional Fund Advisors  
Mr. Bill Grayson, Principal Real Estate Investors  
Ms. Meighan Phillips, Principal Real Estate Investors

### 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. King by Mr. Burkart to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2019. Without objection, the motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Approval of nominations for Non-Chiefs District III

Mr. Reech announced that only one nomination was submitted for Non-Chiefs District III trustee position. That nomination was for the incumbent, Mr. Raymond Burkart, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. Green to accept the nomination of Mr. Raymond Burkart, Jr. for one trustee position to represent Non-Chiefs District III (New Orleans) for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024. Without objection, the motion carried.

#### Investment Consultant's Report

Mr. David Barnes represented NEPC and presented the Investment Market Update for the system. The total market value as of April 30, 2019 was \$2,120,983,793 and performance was up 1.7% for the month and up 2.5% for the fiscal year to date.

#### Dimensional Fund Advisors

Ms. Kristen Jackson and Mr. Horacio Carias represented Dimension Fund Advisors and presented its annual report to the board. The market value as of April 30, 2019 was \$65,467,557.

#### Principal Real Estate Investors

Mr. Bill Grayson and Ms. Meighan Phillips represented Principal Real Estate Investors and presented its annual report to the board. The market value as of April 30, 2019 was \$155,752,440.

#### Discussion of 2019 Regular Legislative Session Bills

Mr. Huxen provided an update on relevant retirement bills progressing through the legislature.

**SB16** – by Senator Gerald Long, provides for self-directed DROP funds is pending House final passage on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

**HB14** – by Rep. Barbara Carpenter, prohibits persons from rejoining FRS or MPERS while he is employed by the same employer or any other employer whose employees are covered under the federal Social Security program. This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Retirement Committee on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Burkart seconded by Mr. Reech to support an amendment that would clean-up language in HB14. Without objection, the motion carried.

**HB22** – by Rep. Tony Bacala, provides for certain overtime payments made by BRPD to employees who are members of MPERS to be included in the calculation of average final compensation for eligible members. The Senate Retirement Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, May 20, 2019. Discussion was held regarding amendments of this bill.

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. Greene to support an amendment that would (1) require Baton Rouge to reimburse MPERS for administrative expenses incurred during the fiscal year no later than January fifteenth of the following calendar year; (2) cap the amount of administrative expenses at nine hundred dollars, adjusted beginning in calendar year 2021 for the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the calendar year immediately preceding the system's current fiscal year, times the number of Baton Rouge police officers for which an actuarial certification was made; (3) lower the amount of previously incurred administrative expenses required to be reimbursed by Baton Rouge to the sum of eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, which must be paid on or before January 15, 2020; and (4) allow certain disputed overtime on which contributions were paid by Baton Rouge and merged police officers to be considered earnable compensation. With Mr. Villere abstaining, the motion carried.

Discussion of finding of disability for Consuela M Daughenbaugh (Lake Charles). May be heard in executive session, without the disability applicant present, under the provisions of R.S. 42:17(A)(10) to facilitate privileged communications under La. Code Evid. Art.506

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. Suchanek to approve the duty-related disability application for Consuela M. Daughenbaugh (Lake Charles) as certified by MPERS's board-designated physician. Without objection, the motion carried.

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 reminded the board to file their individual ethics reporting by May 15<sup>th</sup>, as required by the state.

Mr. Huxen provided an update to the implementation of the new pension administration system. He stated that MPERS is at 40% of completion of the work schedule which is on track with the schedule. The staff is currently working with the vendor, Tegrit, on finalizing employer reporting process and the benefit calculator configuration and development is in progress.

Consideration of a proposed settlement offer regarding certain overpayments of benefits paid to Paul W. Brown due to a mistake of law. To be heard in executive session under the provisions of R.S. 42:17(A)(10) to facilitate privileged communications under La. Code Evid. Art. 506.

Motion by Mr. Willie Joe Greene seconded by Mr. King to approve the settlement offer proposed by MPERS's outside legal counsel. Without objection, the motion carried.

Chairman Ford presented Chief Suchanek with a plaque and thanked him for his service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. King to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 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 May 15, 2019.

  
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G. Scott Ford, Chairman

  
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Ben Huxen,  
Executive Director & General Counsel