

**CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
APRIL 16, 2015**

Summarized Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System, April 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Present:

Commissioner Tom Perona, Chair
Stanley Fidge
Rodney Nieves
Keith Stephens

City Commission Member, Chairman
General Member, Vice Chair
Police Officer Member
U.A. General Member

Attorney Jim Walker
Christina Luna

Assistant City Attorney, Advisory
Retirement Clerk

Absent:

Gloria J. Johnson
Commissioner Reginald Sessions
Nina Hurtubise

Secretary/Treasurer
City Commission Member
U.A. Board Appointee

Recording:

Johnna Morris

Chief Accountant

ITEM NO. 1 & 2 ~ ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Commissioner Tom Perona called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m., the first item on the agenda being the “*Roll Call*”. Absent were Gloria Johnson, Nina Hurtubise and Commissioner Reginald Sessions.

ITEM NO. 3 ~ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comm. Perona, the next item on the agenda was comments from the public. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

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ITEM NO. 4 ~ APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2015.

Comm. Perona, the next item was the approval of the summarized minutes of March 19, 2015. He asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Stan Fidge and seconded by Mr. Keith Stephens to approve the summarized minutes of March 19, 2015.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5 ~ ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jim Walker said several months ago the board discussed allowing for board member comments on the agenda. Enclosed is an amendment to Rule 10 to allow for such. This is the first reading.

Comm. Perona asked for a motion to accept.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Stephens and seconded by Mr. Stan Fidge to accept the Amendment to Rule 10, allowing for board member comments on the agenda.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

Atty. Walker said he had drafted a proposal to Rule 16, regarding QDROs and it will be available at the next meeting. He explained that the board may need to hold back on this. There is a proposed amendment that may need to be done away with until we find out if alimony is going to be included. He suggested that the board hold off until after the legislative decision. He did not have anything further.

Comm. Perona asked if there were any questions for Attorney Walker. There were none.

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ITEM NO. 6 ~ PUBLIC HEARING ON BENEFITS APPLICATIONS

Comm. Perona, the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings on Benefit Applications.

Comm. Perona opened the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from William G. Thiess with 16 years and 2 months of service with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, Comm. Perona closed the public hearing. Comm. Perona opened up the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Mr. Fidge and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request for retirement from William G. Thiess.** Comm. Perona asked for any questions or comments on this request before the motion was called. **All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Comm. Perona opened the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from Kyle H. Fatzinger with 25 years of service with the City of Fort Pierce, entering into the DROP program. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, Comm. Perona closed the public hearing. Comm. Perona opened up the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Rodney Nieves to approve the request for retirement from Kyle H. Fatzinger.** Comm. Perona asked for any questions or comments on this request before the motion was called. **All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Comm. Perona opened the public hearings for anyone to comment on the request for retirement from William Conaway with 25 years of service with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, entering into the DROP program. He asked if there was any one here who would like to publicly comment on this request. Seeing none, Comm. Perona closed the public hearing. Comm. Perona opened up the matter for the Board. **A motion was made by Mr. Fidge and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request for retirement from William Conaway.** Comm. Perona asked for any questions or comments on this request before the motion was called. **All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion was carried unanimously.**

ITEM NO. 7 ~ OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Perona, the next item is Old Business; there was none.

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ITEM NO. 8 ~ NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Perona, the next item is New Business; there was none.

ITEM NO. 9 ~ CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Perona, the next item is the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Fidge to approve the refund of member contributions.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 10 ~ CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Comm. Perona, the next item is Consideration of Absences.

A motion was made by Mr. Fidge and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the absences of Gloria Johnson, Nina Hurtubise and Commissioner Reginald Sessions.

All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11 ~ BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Comm. Perona asked Mr. Nieves about the status of the fail-proof verification system he had mentioned at the last meeting.

Mr. Nieves said he was getting the information together and would bring it before the board when he had it all together.

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Comm. Perona asked what was the status of the additional transfer to Heitman.

Mrs. Johnna Morris said that Callan, the board's consultants, had been informed and were in the process of getting the funds ready for the call.

There were no other board member comments.

ITEM NO. 12 ~ NEXT MEETING

Comm. Perona said the next meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 13 ~ ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further questions or comments, Comm. Perona adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m. He thanked everyone for their time and attendance.

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairperson

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