

CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM MINUTES OF  
MEETING HELD AUGUST 15, 2024

Summarized Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System August 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at City Hall

**Present:**

Kyle MacCarthy	Police Officer Member, Chair
Wendy Rydzewski	City of Fort Pierce General Member, Vice-Chair
Comm. Arnold Gaines	City Commission Member
Keith Stephens	U.A. General Member
Barbara Mika	U.A. Board Appointed Member

**Guests:**

Attorney Bonni Jensen	Attorney for the Retirement Board, Advisory
Anna Ward	City of Fort Pierce Pension Analyst

**Recording:**

Megan LeGrand	Executive Assistant to Director of Finance
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**Absent:**

Comm. Michael Broderick	City Commission Member
Johnna Morris	Secretary/Treasurer

**ITEM NO. 1 & 2 - ROLL CALL**

**Mr. Kyle MacCarthy** called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024, the first item on the agenda being the “Roll Call”.

**ITEM NO. 3 ~ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Mr. MacCarthy** opened for comments from the public. Seeing as there was no public, **Mr. MacCarthy** closed the comments.

**ITEM NO. 4 ~ CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by **Ms. Barbara Mika** and seconded by **Ms. Wendy Rydzewski**. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 5 ~ REPORT FROM THE BOARD ATTORNEY**

**Attorney Bonni Jensen** is negotiating with Ceredex to update the pending contract reflecting their transfer from Truist to the VRTS group.

**Atty. Jensen** is also in negotiations with Truist to update the current contract in accordance with current laws.

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**ITEM NO. 6 ~ PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BENEFIT APPLICATIONS**

**Mr. MacCarthy** opened the public hearing for the request for retirement from David Cuti with 26 years and 3 months of service with the City of Fort Pierce Police Department entering DROP. Seeing no public, the hearing was closed and the request was opened for Board discussion. **A motion was made by Ms. Mika and seconded by Mr. Keith Stephens to approve the request. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**Mr. MacCarthy** opened the public hearing for the request for retirement from Cassandra Davis with 25 years of service with the City of Fort Pierce Police Department entering DROP. Seeing no public, the hearing was closed and the request was opened for Board discussion. **A motion was made by Comm. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Rydzewski to approve the request. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**Mr. MacCarthy** opened the public hearing for the request for deferred retirement from Thomas Fryar with 14 years and 1 month of service with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. Seeing no public, the hearing was closed and the request was opened for Board discussion. **A motion was made by Ms. Mika and seconded by Comm. Gaines to approve the request. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**Mr. MacCarthy** opened the public hearing for the request for deferred retirement from Brandy Crawford with 5 years and 2 months of service with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. Seeing no public, the hearing was closed and the request was opened for Board discussion. **A motion was made by Comm. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the request. 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**

None

**ITEM NO. 8 ~ NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ITEM NO. 9 ~ CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Ms. Mika and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the consent agenda. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

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**ITEM NO. 10 ~ CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES**

A motion was made by Ms. Mika and seconded by Mr. Stephens to approve the absences of Johnna Morris and Comm. Michael Broderick. All those in favor of the motion signified by saying aye. There was no opposition, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 11 ~ BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comm. Gaines had inquiries about whether he needed to attend the fall certification classes for the Retirement Board of Trustees conference.

Ms. Anna Ward confirmed that because he had the amount class points needed for the year, he did not have to go during the fall session.

**ITEM NO. 12 ~ NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 2pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

**ITEM NO. 13 ~ ADJOURMENT**

Seeing that there were no further questions or comments. Mr. MacCarthy adjourned the meeting at 2:19 pm.

ATTEST:

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Chairperson

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