

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

**9:30 am at RDPFFA Office Sterling Heights Michigan**  
**Conference Call In: 1-866-730-7512 Access Code 795253 Host 133963**

<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Chet Opolski</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>John Clark</b>	<b>VP Chairman</b>
	<b>Shirley Berger</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	<b>Don Taylor</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Tom Sheehan</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>John Barr</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Floyd Allen – (T)</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Andy Dillon – (T)</b>	<b>Trustee</b>

**ABS Representation:** **Lisa Duncan**  
**Melanie Taliercio**  
**Denise Allport – (T)**

**Legal Representation:** **Aaron Castle**

The meeting was held at the offices of the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association

The meeting was called to order at 9:30.

**Motion** – To accept the agenda dated September 25, 2017: By T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To approve the meeting minutes from August 28, 2017: By T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Discussion was held requesting legal to review the minutes to make sure that we are compliance with the open meetings act. It was also noted that the minutes need to be signed.

It was also noted that other boards have the board members sign the minutes, legal will review.

**Graystone Consulting**

Burton Carlson and Bill Messner called into the meeting.

The Bonds have increased in value due to significant trades. Graystone has indicated that the seller of the bonds is Gotham Motown Recovery, LLC. This LLC is a carve out of FGIC, who was one of the large municipal bond insurers during 2005.

Graystone indicated that they will have a letter to the chair by the end of the week in regards to the taxable state of the bonds. They will include the General VEBAs information in this letter.

Mr. Dillon stated that he spoke to members in Washington regarding the taxable status. It was recommended to him that the pension obligation bonds not be included.

#### **Break from 10:24 – 10:30**

**Motion** – to move to item 8.a on the agenda: by J. Clark, seconded by T. Sheehan

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

GRS reviewed the RFP process and where they are now and what the next steps will be.

The Chair stressed the fact that we need to stay on schedule.

#### **Correspondence**

**Motion** – to accept the Wilmington and Fifth third statements: by T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **Accounting Report**

**Motion** – To approve the paid payables (receipts and disbursements) as adjusted for the ABS bill: by T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To accept the HRA claims report: by T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To accept the Financials: by T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **Legal Report**

Legal advised the board that they are waiting to hear back from WTW and Priority on the contracts, but this in no way holds up the implementation.

**Motion** – To accept Graystone’s reduction in fees by 50% as of October 1, 2017 and to continue the relationship with Graystone: by T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Legal will go back to Graystone with recommendation of the effective date of October 1, 2017.

Discussion on the taxable bonds and the next steps. Legal recommends that the board keep the request for tax exemption narrow – not to include the pension bond. They will wait for the letter from Graystone and reach out to the city to see if we can get help from their lobbyists’. They also advised that this needs to be done on a federal level, not state.

The chair directed legal to create a document/contract for the use of the RDPFFA office space.

### **Administrator Report**

Updated Open Enrollment and the mailing deadlines from the printer.

D. Taylor would like to know how the printer is printing – is it alphabetical.

**Motion** – To approve the modified letters for member mailings from Priority: by T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Discussion - Priority submitted 2 letters for the board’s approval, the board requested that Priority add the Trust logo to the letters and add something on the envelopes so members know that is part of the Trust.

**Motion** – To approve the WTW mailing after legal has had a chance to review: by J. Barr, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Discussion on the website for WTW – it was suggested that we place a link on our website to the WTW website.

**Motion** – To move to closed session for appeal discussion at 11:13: by T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Barr

- Motion Carried – Roll call vote – Yeah’s: T. Sheehan, J. Clark, D. Taylor, F. Allen, A. Dillon, J. Barr, C. Opolski. Nay’s: None

**Motion** – To move out of closed session at 11:20: by T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To approve XXXXXXX appeal: by D. Taylor, seconded by J. Barr

- Motion Carried – T. Sheehan opposed, citing that we need to adhere to the plan document

**Break 11:25 – 11:30**

**Administrative Committee**

**Motion** – To send the recommendation by Don Taylor for a new position within the board back to the Admin Committee to refine the job requirement: by J. Clark, seconded by J. Barr

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To accept the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: by T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To accept the minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting: by T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

It was decided that there will not be an Admin meeting in October due to the open enrollment meetings. Next meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion** – To receive and place on file the ASA agreement amendment from ABS regarding the recording secretary duties and ABS taking over Graystone's functions: by J. Barr, seconded by T. Sheehan

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**New Business**

Review of the chairs email to be sent out to members regarding the open enrollment.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** – To adjourn: By T. Sheehan, seconded by D. Taylor

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 12:19

Lisa Duncan/ Melanie Talierico