

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 23, 2020

9:30 am at RDPFFA Office, Sterling Heights, MI via Conference Call

### Trustees:

Chet Opolski  
Andy Dillon  
Tracy Shippy  
Richard Kosmack  
Brian Roehl  
Floyd Allen

### Attending Remotely From:

Sterling Heights, MI  
Redford Township, MI  
Utica, MI  
Grosse Pointe, MI  
Troy, MI  
Detroit, MI

### Role:

Chairman  
Trustee  
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**Others present:** Burton Carlson, Graystone Consulting (via phone)

Erik Burger, Graystone Consulting (via phone)

Louis Sinagra, Member (via phone)

**Legal Representation:** Aaron Castle (via phone)

**BeneSys Representation:** Violet Gjorgjevski and Jennifer Crosby (via phone)

The meeting was held via conference call at the RDPFFA Office, Sterling Heights, MI

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Opolski at 9:30 am.

**Motion** – To accept the agenda for November 23, 2020 with correction to member ID Number for Appeal and section 12E had two D's: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### Public Comment

Louis Sinagra, member, attended the meeting via phone. No comments for the Board.

### Regular Minutes

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2020: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – To approve the Admin Committee Minutes and Admin Committee Closed Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **Graystone Financial – Burton Carlson & Erik Burger (via phone)**

B. Carlson gave an update on the B Notes. The B Notes remain steady at \$81 and there has been no trading since the last BOT Meeting. This is due to the impact of COVID-19 and lack of information from the City of Detroit. In addition, the recent election and the lack of any decisions being made by the Government regarding an additional stimulus or any federal assistance for municipalities prior to the end of the year.

E. Burger reviewed the Cash Flow Projection provided. Discussion took place by the Board regarding an excess of cash on hand and if funds should be moved to get a higher yield.

B. Carlson provided additional follow up regarding having Morgan Stanley take over custody of the Bonds from Fifth Third. The Trust pays Fifth Third to house the Bonds and Mr. Carlson had previously informed the Board that Morgan Stanley can do that with no cost to the Trust. Mr. Castle reviewed the current contract with Fifth Third to ascertain if they provide other services such as Trust Reporting. Morgan Stanley cannot provide the Trust with a Certified Annual Account Statement which is required by the Auditors. Only a Trust Bank can provide a Certified Annual Account Statement. Morgan Stanley recommended First State Trust or Comerica as possible partners. It was determined to have Morgan Stanley approach First State Trust for a written proposal for providing services. In addition, Mr. Castle will approach Fifth Third to ask that their current contract be renegotiated for a better rate.

#### **Financial Reports**

BeneSys provided the October 2020 Fifth Third Statement for review.

BeneSys provided the October 2020 Morgan Stanley Statement for review.

BeneSys provided the September 2020 Financial Statements for review.

**Motion** – to review and accept the Fifth Third, Morgan Stanley, BeneSys Financial Statement and to pay the Bills for Approval as provided: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **Administrative Reports**

##### **A. Appeals**

- a. **2810115928** (see closed session at end of meeting)

## **Legal Report**

Mr. Castle gave an update regarding the Public Act 228 of 2020. The Act has been extended through the end of the year. There will be discussions in Lansing as to if there will be further amendments to the Act for 2021. The Board needs to have a policy in place. Mr. Castle will be presenting a draft at the December Admin Committee meeting.

Mr. Castle also brought to the Boards attention that the RFP for Actuary and Benefit Services that was initially done in the Spring of 2020 and was postponed with the onset of COVID-19 until October of 2020 is still outstanding. Chairman Opolski would like this added to the Agenda for the Admin Committee meeting for December 2020.

## **Correspondence**

### **Business Agent Report**

Chairman Opolski shared with the Board that call volumes continue to be busy. He is working with members regarding Open Enrollment, HRA Benefits and Appeals. Overall Open Enrollment for 2021 went fairly smoothly.

## **New Business**

### **A. Fixed Income Annuity with New York Life**

Trustee Shippy received information regarding a fixed income annuity being offered by New York Life and wanted to get feedback from the Board as to using a vehicle such as an annuity to get a higher yield from cash available. Discussion took place. Chairman Opolski directed Mr. Castle to approach Morgan Stanley for recommendations regarding investment of a portion of the cash in the Fifth Third Money Market Account for the Admin Committee Meeting in December 2020.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. 2021 HRA Claim Form Draft**

Ms. Crosby presented to the Board, the updated 2021 HRA Claim Form and reviewed changes that she hoped would make the process easier for members and for Claims processing. The Board approved use of the HRA Form for the 2021 Benefit Year.

### **B. 2021 Board Meeting Notice**

Ms. Crosby presented the final draft of the 2021 Board Meeting Notice. The Board approved to use these tentative meeting dates for 2021.

### **C. Priority Health –End of Year Pandemic Credit**

Mr. Castle presented to the Board the response to his inquiry to Priority Health regarding the possibility of an end of the year Pandemic Premium Credit. Priority Health states that our group did not meet the threshold to receive the Pandemic Credit. They stressed that they did provide \$0 Copay for PCP Visits through 2020, Virtual Care at \$0 copay, including mental health

visits and covered COVID testing and treatment to our group to assist members during the pandemic.

#### **D. Turn Around Time**

Ms. Gjorgjevski informed the Board that she is working with BeneSys Management regarding moving to a 10 Day Turn Around Time as an amendment to the agreement will need to be made. Also, the pending credit owed for not meeting the Performance Guarantee will be on the December 2020 invoice.

#### **E. Weiler Settlement Surplus Funds**

Mr. Castle informed the Board that there have been no new updates. Chairman Opolski requested that Mr. Castle pursue reaching out to the City of Detroit to request a Motion to have the case reopened.

Mr. Sinagra left the meeting at 10:37 am as the Board was entering closed session.

**Motion** – To enter into closed session at 10:37 am to address administrative appeals containing confidential personal health information under HIPAA: By R. Kosmack, seconded by T. Shippy.

- Roll call vote:
  - Dillon – yes
  - Shippy - yes
  - Opolski – yes
  - Roehl – yes
  - Kosmack – yes
  - Allen – yes

The Committee exited closed session at 10:41 am.

**Motion** – for participant 2810115928 to approve Appeal for member to receive HRA effective March 2020 as recommended by the Admin Committee: By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack.

#### **Trustee Comment/Open Forum – None**

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion** – to adjourn: *by B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.