

# NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OPEB MINUTES

June 5, 2017

4:40 PM

1. **Call of the Roll.** The following members of the Retirement Board were present: Mr. John Brown, Mr. Jim Hunter, Mr. John Cusick, Mr. Glenn Geissinger, Mrs. Peg Ferraro, Mrs. Cindy Smith (via telephone), and Mr. Dwight Danser.

**Others present:**

John Spagnola – PFM  
Marc Ammaturo - PFM  
Brandon Dunstane – Fiscal  
Danielle Haines – Human Resources

2. **Courtesy of the Floor** – Nothing
3. **Approval of the March 13, 2017, OPEB Minutes.**

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the Minutes, as presented.  
Mr. Hunter seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Performance Report – Marc Ammaturo**

OPEB

- Market Value (March 31, 2017): \$34.46 million
- Q1 Gain: \$1.77 million
- Q1 Rate of Return: 5.4%
- 3 year gain: \$6.08 million
- 3 year return: 6.5%
- 5 year gain: \$11.43 million
- 5 year return: 9.1%

5. **Retiree Letter – Mr. Cusick**

The Board received a letter from a Retiree in October 2016 and again in May 2017. Mr. Cusick explained, Mr. Michael Vincovich wrote to the board regarding his medical benefits. He has reached his lifetime major medical cap of \$12,500 and is requesting it be reset. Mr. Cusick did some research into the topic and agrees that the limit can be increased by the County Executive with Council approval, but raising the limit would not reset the lifetime limit. In 2006 the lifetime limit was increased from \$10,000 to \$12,500, but not refreshed to zero. Mr. Brown recommends denying the request to refresh any lifetime limits to zero. Mr. Vincovich claims there were up to 8 previous examples of employees who were afforded a refresh of their cap limit. This claim was not

substantiated with any documents or evidence maintained by the Administration or Human Resources.

Mr. Brown made a motion to deny the request to reset the benefit cap.  
Mr. Cusick seconded the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Cusick inquired to the cost of an increase from \$12,500 to \$15,000 for employees currently eligible for OPEB benefits. He would like a cost analysis available at the September meeting. Mr. Hunter agreed and will provide a report.

With no further business, Mr. Hunter made a motion to adjourn the OPEB meeting.  
Mr. Geissinger seconded the motion.

**Meeting adjourned**