

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES

July 23, 2020
4:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Lamont McClure called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. **Call of the Roll:** The following appointees to the Retirement Board were present: Mr. Lamont McClure, County Executive; Ms. Lori Vargo Heffner (by phone), Council Vice President; Mr. William McGee, Council Member; Mr. Thomas Guth, active employee Member of Northampton County Retirement system; Mr. Gerald Seyfried, Retiree Member, and Mr. Stephen Barron, Director of Fiscal Affairs.

Others Present –Mr. John Spagnola PFM; Mr. Howard Halpern, Stifel; Mr. Bryce Meyers, Fiscal Affairs; Ms. Danielle Mutarelli, Human Resources; Ms. Kathleen Wedge, Board Secretary; Ms. Stephanie Hann, Human Resources.

3. **Courtesy of the Floor** –None
4. **Approval of February 27, 2020 Retirement Board minutes.** Mr. Stephen Barron made a Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Board meeting. The vote to approve was unanimous by acclamation.
5. **Performance Updates – PFM, John Spagnola.** Mr. Spagnola gave the presentation of the fund’s performance in the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2020.

Pension Fund
Market Value as of June 30, 2020 = \$424,460,150 million
As of June 30, 2020:
Q2 gain: 13.15 percent
Gain since inception: 6.29 percent (inception date is 9-1-17)
YTD gain: -2.43 percent
1 year gain: 4.40 percent
3 year gain: 6.82 percent
5 year gain: 6.77 percent

The market tanked in Q1 due to Coronavirus but there was a rebound in the market so we are back to where we were at the end of 2019.

Always using caution with Retirement funds, Mr. McClure stated that although we missed the benchmark for 2020, he appreciates PFM’s defensiveness with the funds and wants that to continue moving forward to preserve retirement funds for those in their golden years.

Mr. Spagnola suggested that we get out of investing in JP Morgan Fund because they mostly invest in office space which is being sold off because companies are working from home more due to coronavirus. It was decided that we are going leave JP Morgan to create cash. Mr. Spagnola will bring a new plan for that money to the next meeting.

6. **Review of Updated Summary Document, Danielle Mutarelli-** Korn Ferry updated the Plan Summary document and Danielle brought copies along for approval by the board. The old plan was from 1996, and Korn Ferry with the help of Mr. Dunstane, Ms. Mutarelli and Mr. Meyers updated the document to

confirm the accuracy of the policy and match the language to the current policy. The plan document will be posted on the County intranet.

A motion to approve the plan document was made by Mr. Stephen Barron. Mr. Guth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7. **Pension Updates – Danielle Mutarelli**

Ms. Mutarelli prepared a summary sheet showing the individuals who retired during the first and second quarters and the amount of their pension benefits. The summary sheet was distributed to each member present.

Approval of 1st and 2nd quarter Pensions: A Motion was made by Mr. Barron to approve the list of retirees submitted by Ms. Mutarelli. Mr. McGee seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous.

8. **Adjournment** – A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Vargo Heffner. The Motion passed unanimously. The Retirement Board meeting adjourned at 4:33pm and we moved on to the OPEB meeting.