

Meeting of the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees Board of Trustees

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Approved Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees was held on June 25, 2015 at One North Franklin Street, 27th floor.

The following Trustees were present:

John Burkard, Chair
Joan Coogan, Vice Chair
Omar Brown
Carlos Acevedo
Joseph J. Burke
Ronald DeNard
David Biggs as an Alternate for Ronald Ester
Kenneth Franklin
Marquel Williams as an Alternate for Valerie Matthews-Wilson
Aundra Thompson as an Alternate for Tommy Sams, Jr.
Paul Sidrys

Executive Director John Kallianis was present. Mike Virgil of BWM&S was present as General Counsel for the Retirement Plan. Appearing on behalf of the ATU Local 308 appointed Trustee was Anita Tanay, of Jacobs, Burns, Orlove and Hernandez. Appearing on behalf of the ATU Local 241 appointed Trustees was Justin Lannoye of Dowd, Block, Bennett & Cervone. Appearing on behalf of the CTA-appointed Trustees was James Daley, of Jackson Lewis, LLP. Appearing on behalf of the Regional Transit Authority-appointed Trustee was Daniel Salemi of Franczek Radelet, PC.

Also present were Kweku Obed and Miguel Zarate of Marquette Associates.

Consideration of the April 23, 2015 Minutes was deferred. On motion by Ms. Coogan, seconded by Mr. Burke, the Trustees approved the May 28, 2015 minutes.

General Administration Committee Items

Mr. Franklin presented the General Administration items 4a through 4i. for approval, including benefit applications and bills and remittances, for approval. On a motion by Mr. Acevedo, seconded by Ms. Burke, the Board approved items 4a through 4i.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve Item 4j., to approve attendance at the IFEBP Annual Conference in November. After discussion on the matter of the Plan's current travel reimbursement policy, including discussion of the status of review of the policy, the item was approved on a roll-call vote as follows: Burkard – yes, Coogan – no, Acevedo – yes, Brown – no, Burke – yes, DeNard – no, Biggs – no, Franklin – yes, Williams – yes, Thompson – yes, Sidrys – no.

Mr. Franklin reported that the GA Committee had asked Mr. Virgil to provide an updated version of the bylaws, based on the comments he had received at the prior GA Committee meeting and that a follow up GA Committee meeting would be held to discuss them.

Mr. Franklin also reported that they GA Committee had asked Mr. Kallianis to provide some additional information on his recommendation to offer 457 and 401a Plans to staff who currently have no retirement benefits available to them. He indicated that the additional information would be considered at the same Committee meeting.

Investment Committee Items

Mr. Obed, of Marquette Associates, started by reviewing status of the transition from the old asset allocation to the new asset allocation, which was adopted by the Board in October, 2014. He indicated that the recently selected managers were now all moving closer to being funded, after discussions with Plan Staff, Fund Counsel, and the managers.

Mr. Obed then reviewed the flash report for the Retirement Plan for the month of May, 2015. He focused on the Executive Summary and macroeconomic conditions along with comments on managers' performance.

Finally, Mr. Obed summarized the status of the Core Real Estate RFP and made a recommendation to the Board to suspend their 2014 decision to allocate to UBS Trumbull. He explained that UBS Trumbull had submitted a response to the current RFP and that they should be considered in that search. On a motion by Mr. Sidrys, seconded by Mr. Burke, the Board voted to suspend their previous selection of UBS Trumbull.

Old Business

Mr. Acevedo provided a brief update on the Payroll Audit Committee meeting that was held on May 27th. He indicated he and Mr. DeNard had settled on another meeting date of July 9th and that they would ask Mr. Kallianis to circulate the information for the meeting.

New Business

After some discussion, on a motion by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Ms. Coogan, the Board moved the July meeting date from the 23rd to the 28th.

Mr. Acevedo made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Mr. Sidrys. The motion to adjourn was approved.