

Meeting of the Chicago Transit Authority Retiree Healthcare Trust

Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Transit Authority Retiree Healthcare Trust was held on March 26, 2009 at One North Franklin Street, 24th Floor. The Chairman and the Executive Director were present.

A roll call was taken indicating that the following members were present:

Theresa Mintle
Joe Pass
Lynn Sapyta
Bob Kelly
James Kasmer
Paul Sidrys
Don Franklin

Tom Hancuch, of Vedder Price, PC appeared on behalf of the Health Care Trust.

Consideration of the minutes of the February 26, 2009 meeting was deferred to allow for an opinion from the plan counsel.

After some discussion regarding the timing of the health care bills, Mr. Kelly made a motion to pay the healthcare bills with a reconciliation of the bills within ten days, and if there is an amount of money due back to the fund, then it would be paid back with interest. After some additional discussion, the motion was amended to pay the healthcare bills with a reconciliation of the bills within ten days, and if there is an amount of money due back to the fund, then it would be paid back with interest by whomever owes the interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sidrys and approved by the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Kasmer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board approved payment of the bill for the court reporter.

On a motion by Mr. Sidrys, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board approved payment of the bill for Gray and Company.

On a motion by Mr. Kasmer, seconded by Ms. Sapyta, the Board approved payment of the bill for Accurate Computer Consulting.

Ivory Day from Gray and Company then made a presentation to the Board about the results from 2008. He also spoke to the Board about volatility in the markets and the status of the recommendation to invest.

Mitch Bramstaedt, Ruth Donahue, Barb Zaveduk and Chris Heppner from the Segal Company then joined the meeting to discuss Plan Design and eligibility. Mr. Bramstaedt walked the Board through a document that described decisions that needed to be made by the trustees. The first issue was related to the appropriate inflation index to use. There was discussion and consensus on Regional CPI U. Ms. Mintle made a motion to use Regional CPI U. Questions followed.

Some of the other issues included in the discussion were coverage for same sex partners, mandatory coverage by Medicare when eligible, deductible accumulators, out of pocket accumulators, means testing, part-time service credit for health benefits and defaulting people into the closest coverage if they don't respond to open enrollment.

Courtney Hunt from the Segal Company gave the Board a description of the communications plan, including letters to the retirees and the open enrollment plan. The Board expressed to Segal that they would prefer the open enrollment materials go out soon.

Mr. Kallianis then described a request for information he had received from the IL Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. He indicated that he would send the two screen prints that resulted from the February 26, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Pass then asked the Trustees if they were open to moving the April meeting from April 23rd to April 30th. The Trustees asked Mr. Kallianis to work with the Retirement Board Trustees to reschedule both meetings.

Mr. Hancuch then provided the trustees with a brief update on the filings related to the Matthews lawsuit.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Kelly.
