

Meeting of the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees
Board of Trustees
November 23, 2021
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Regular Session
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees, by way of Microsoft Teams and telephone conference calls, and in compliance with the Illinois COVID-19 Executive Order, convened on November 23, 2021 at the hour of 9:43 a.m., and adjourned at 11:22 p.m. There was an Executive Session.

At the direction of the Chairman, a roll call was taken and established that the following Trustees were participating. Mr. Kallianis reported that a quorum was present.

Mr. Tom McKone, Chairman
Mr. Keith Hill, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Joseph Burke (joined the meeting while in progress)
Mr. Eric Dixon
Mr. Woodrow Eiland
Mr. Jeremy Fine
Mr. Andrew Fuller (filling vacancy)
Mr. Chris Kasmer (for Mr. John Burkard)
Ms. April Morgan
Mr. Paul Sidrys
Mr. Marquel Williams (for Ms. Toi Bowers)

John Kallianis participated as the Executive Director. Richard W. Burke of Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C. participated as General Counsel. Participating on behalf of CTA Trustees was James P. Daley. Participating on behalf of the ATU 241 Trustees was Ron Willis of Dowd, Bloch, Bennett, & Cervone. Participating on behalf of the ATU Local 308 Trustee was Anita Tanay. Participating on behalf of the RTA Trustee was Dan Salemi of Morgan Lewis & Bockius. Also participating was Kweku Obed of Marquette Associates and Kenny Adegoke and Khaleel Baig of Mitchell & Titus.

Consideration of Minutes from prior Meetings

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kasmer made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Sidrys. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on the vote of 10 yeses and 0 nos.

Investment Committee

The Chairman called for the report of the Investment Committee which was given by Mr. Obed. Mr. Fine joined the meeting during the report. Mr. Zarate stated that the market value of the investments, as of November 22, 2021, was \$2,130,395,542.61 and of that amount \$14.4 million was in cash. Mr. Obed spoke of the market environment for the month of November and then reviewed the performance of the Plan's portfolio.

Old Business

The Chairman gave a report of the payroll audit committee. Mr. McKone stated that there were a number of motions which had been discussed in regard to the work of the committee. He asked they be referred back to the committee for analysis and review and then brought back to the Trustees.

Summary of Litigation

Mr. Richard Burke reported that the summary of litigation was contained in the written report before the Trustees. He added that the Plan was waiting for Judge's rulings on the pending motions for summary judgment.

General Administration

Mr. Dixon gave the report of General Administration Committee. Mr. Kasmer made a motion to approve Items 6a through 6i on the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Burke. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

Mr. Dixon stated there was one request for an educational conference from Mr. Kasmer in regard to the IFEBP Trustees and Administrative Conference in February. The request is for one-half of the cost to be borne by the Retirement Plan. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the expenditure, which was seconded by Mr. Burke. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

Mr. McKone stated the next item for consideration was the Draft Report on the Agreed Upon Procedure Benefits Review which was prepared by Mitchell & Titus. Mr. Adegoke gave a report which was based on a sampling of 25 items. Mr. Adegoke recommended that the report should be done every two years. The current report was for the period 2019 and 2020. He suggested that a report be done in 2022 for 2021 and 2022. After discussion Mr. Burke made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Mr. Hill. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 10 yeases and 1 abstention by Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Adegoke then made the presentation of the Report on the Audited Financial Statements for 2020. The report was a clear opinion report which is the highest level of opinion which could be issued. Nothing came to the attention of the auditors that they would consider material which would need to change the presented financial statements. He stated they had received full cooperation of the staff. Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the Audit Report, which was seconded by Mr. Burke. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

New Business

The Chairman asked that the consideration of fee request, of Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, P.C., be held at a subsequent meeting when other fees requests would also be considered.

The Chairman stated there was a need to go into Executive Session for the purpose of continued discussion from the last meeting in regard to activities of one of the Plan's employees and the indemnification request by the CTA relating to the rebate prescription litigation. Mr. Hill made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Dixon. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

At 11: 19 the regular session resumed. Mr. McKone reported that there were two items discussed in Executive Session: one potential litigation and the other, a personnel issue.

Mr. Kasmer made a motion for a special subcommittee meeting on December 2, 2021 or December 3, 2021, to discuss personnel issues, which was seconded by Mr. Sidrys. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

Mr. Kasmer made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Hill. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 11 yeases and 0 nos.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.