

Meeting of the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees
Board of Trustees
June 23, 2022
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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 June 23, 2022. The meeting commenced at 9:42 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

At the direction of the Chairman, a roll call was taken and established that the following Trustees were participating.

Mr. Tom McKone, Chairman
Mr. Keith Hill, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Toi Bowers
Mr. John Burkard
Mr. Woodrow Eiland
Mr. Eric Dixon
Mr. Jeremy Fine
Ms. April Morgan
Ms. Theresa Fletcher-Brown
Mr. Mike Bowen

Also present were:

Mr. Paul Sidrys
Interim Executive Director

Mr. Richard Burke
General Counsel

Mr. Ron Willis
Representing ATU 241 Union Trustee

Mr. Dan Salemi
Representing the RTA appointed Trustee

Mr. Jeff Bora
Representing the CTA Trustees

Ms. Anita Tanay
Representing the ATU 308 Union Trustee

Mr. Kweku Obed
Representing Marquette Associates

Consideration of Minutes from prior Meetings

Mr. McKone called the attention of the Trustees to the minutes of the Regular Session and the Executive Session of May 27, 2022.

Mr. Burkhard made a motion to approve the minutes of the May Regular Session, which motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote on 7 yeases and 3 abstentions, namely, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fine and Mr. Bowen. Mr. Burkhard then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the same date which motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. A roll call was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 7 yeases and three abstentions, namely, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Fine and Mr. Bowen.

Mr. McKone made a motion to fill a vacancy in the Investment Committee by designating Mr. Fine as the Chair of the Investment Committee to replace Mr. Sidrys who resigned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 9 yeases and 1 abstention, namely Mr. Fine.

Investment Committee

The Chairman called for the report of the Investment Committee which was given by Mr. Obed from Marquette Associates. Mr. Obed gave a review of the general market conditions and then spoke about the performance of the Plan's Investment Portfolio. Mr. Obed stated that the market value of the investment portfolio at the close of the market on June 22, 2022, was \$1,916,323,039.95 and the cash position was \$4,539,063.35.

Old Business

Richard Burke called to the attention of the Trustees the Summary of Litigation which was included in the material distributed to the Trustees. He added that there is a hearing on July 7, 2022, before the new Judge in the *Williams* case on the Plan's Motion to Reconsider the Rulings made by Judge Walker, which were favorable to the Plaintiffs.

The Chairman asked for the status of implementing the items in the new recent Collective Bargaining Agreement that had an impact on the Retirement Plan. Mr. Burke stated that he was awaiting clarification of various points raised in his memorandum to Mr. Kallianis on the provisions of the Agreement effecting the Retirement Plan, and he anticipated hearing from counsel for the Local 241 and 308 Unions and the CTA in regard to the clarification.

Ms. Tanay and Mr. Willis stated that they were working on the clarification and anticipated having it to the Trustees prior to the July meeting.

Mr. Richard Burke also stated that there was an issue pending in regard to the treatment of the bonus payment which was negotiated in the recent Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated that the treatment of the Bonus Payment was significant as it would have an impact on the individual employee's benefit payments and the question which was posed was "at what point in time should the Bonus Payment be treated as part of the individual's salary."

Pursuant to discussion between the Authority and Local 241, Mr. Dixon made a motion that the Bonus Payments would be treated as being made in 2022, not in 2020 or 2021, but rather in 2022. This treatment would be treated as a one-time instance in regard to how to treat payment such as this.

Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Chairman directed that adequate notice be provided to all former CTA Employees who withdrew their funds from the Plan that they now have a new expanded timeframe to repay funds to the Plan in order to qualify for benefits from the Plan.

The Chairman directed the Trustee's attention to the proposed agreed upon procedures for the benefits review for the years 2020 and 2021.

The Chairman then made a motion to accept the agreed upon procedures benefits review as presented by the Mitchell & Titus proposal. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and by Mr. Burkhard. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 9 yeases and 1 abstention, namely that of Mr. Dixon.

General Administration

Mr. Dixon gave the report of the General Administration Committee. Mr. Hill then moved to approve the application of remittances and bills included in items 7(a) through 7(j) on the agenda for the meeting. Before the vote, Mr. Sidrys called to the attention of the Trustees that the Plan office wished to add a few items to the listing for approval, namely one for Mary Miedema, the surviving spouse of deceased retiree, William Miedema and also Aurora Del Campo, the surviving spouse of Mr. Del Campo, Sr. He would like those people included in the motion as well. Mr. Hill made a motion approving the two additions made by Mr. Sidrys. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. A roll call was then taken. The motion passed on a vote of 10 yeases and no nos.

Mr. Dixon stated that there were no requests to attend educational conferences.

New Business

Mr. Weems noted an item for inclusion, namely the search for a permanent Executive Director. Mr. McKone stated that he hoped to have a Personnel Committee meeting during the coming months in regard to the search for that position.

Mr. McKone stated that pursuant to the contract that is presently in force, Mr. Sidrys' service runs through the end of 2022. He anticipated having the search resolved before that timeframe expires.

Mr. Sidrys then responded to questions from Mr. Eiland in regard to the status of Rosa who was being recruited on a temporary basis. Mr. Sidrys stated there was a desperate need to have people in the office and on that basis, Rosa was being brought back. When a permanent replacement is hired it is suggested that maybe she will be retired once again.

Mr. Richard Burke then gave a report to the Trustees in regard to the United States District Attorney in the investigation of the Ayanna Nesbitt matter, which is now moving forward. As he learns further details, he will advise the Trustees.

Mr. Richard Burke stated that there was no need for an Executive Session. Ms. Morgan made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Eiland. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed on a vote of 10 yeses and 0 nos.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.