

Meeting of the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees
Board of Trustees
July 27, 2023
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Regular Session
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees, by way of Microsoft Teams and physical presence, and in compliance with the Illinois COVID-19 Executive Order, convened a meeting on July 27, 2023, at 9:32 a.m. and adjourned at 10:11 a.m. Participants in the meeting were:

Mr. Keith Hill, Chairman
Mr. Thomas McKone, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jeremy Fine
Ms. April Morgan
Mr. John Burkard
Mr. Joseph Burke
Mr. Tiant Gatewood
Mr. Andrew Fuller

Alternate Trustees:

Mr. Mark Weems
Mr. Michael Bowen
Mr. Marqueal Williams
Ms. Georgette Hampton

Also present:

Mr. Richard W. Burke, General Counsel, Burke Warren, MacKay & Serritella
Mr. Kweku Obed, Marquette Associates
Mr. Ronald Willis, Representing Local 241
Mr. Alex Tillett-Saks, Representing Local 241
Mr. Hector Flores
Ms. Lindsay Welbers, Court Reporter

Consideration of Minutes from prior Meeting

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order and asked that a roll be taken. Mr. Richard Burke took the roll and advised the attendees that a quorum was present. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 . The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. A roll call was taken. The motion passed with two abstentions, Messers Bowen and Burkard.

Old Business

Because of a temporary absence of a representative from Marquette, the Chairman called for a Summary of Litigation.

Mr. Richard Burke directed the Trustees' attention to the written litigation report which was in the packet of material distributed to the Trustees. He added that negotiations were on-going between Ayanna Nesbitt and the U.S. Attorney's Office in regard to her case to which she has pled not guilty. It appears that there may be negotiations in regard to a plea arrangement which have not been finalized. He added that at the present time the Retirement Plan was not involved in the negotiations.

Mr. Burke stated that his office was attempting to reach Mrs. Gray who received the overpayment. She is not responding but we will continue our efforts and advise the Trustees.

General Administration Committee

Mr. Weems gave the report from the General Administration Committee. Mr. Weems directed the attention of the Trustees to the report which had been distributed prior to the meeting and he made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Trustee Burke. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Weems clarified that he was asking for a vote on Items 5A through J. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Weems stated that there were no requests for educational conferences under Item 6K on the agenda of the Administration Committee.

Investment Committee

The investment report was given by Mr. Obed. Mr. Obed reported that the value of the investment portfolio at the close of business on July 26, 2023 was \$1,968,365,930.66. He further added that the cash on hand with the Retirement Plan as of the same date was \$11,212,859.58. (These dollar amounts were provided to the Trustees after the conclusion of the meeting). Mr. Obed stated that the portfolio continues to be in good standing. Mr. Obed, after reviewing the market environment, reported as to the fund's investment performance and stated that the portfolio is up 3.2 percent for the month of June and for the year to date, the portfolio is up 5.6 percent. In the equity portfolio, core has performed nicely. Value performed well over the one-month in June, but year to date has lagged growth. Mr. Obed commented upon a few specific holdings in the investment portfolio.

Mr. McKone inquired as to the portfolio's current asset allocation versus the policy target, specifically private equity is at 17.2 percent currently versus a 10 percent policy target. As to the increased percentage of the portfolio and private equity above the target percent Mr. Obed stated that he is not suggesting a change in the target allocations in the policy statement because he thinks that the private equity valuation will in due course normalize, but the matter should be under consideration as we move forward.

Mr. McKone then made a motion to change the meeting date for September from September 28th to September 21st which motion was seconded by Mr. Burkhard. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman stated that Georgette Hampton was now sitting in for Jeremy Fine at the meeting.

The Chairman stated as a reminder to all the Trustees that the actuary evaluation education session is now scheduled for August 4th and everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will be a virtual presentation.

The Chairman was advised that there is no need for an executive session. Whereupon Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Burkhard. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously whereupon the meeting adjourned.