

Firemen's Relief & Retirement Fund
October 14, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Firemen's Relief and Retirement (FR&R) Fund was held at Waxahachie Fire Station No. 2, 1600 Cleaver, Waxahachie, Texas on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Myers, Chairman
Scott Safford, Secretary
Lee Statham
David Hill, Mayor

Members Absent: Matt Dorsey, Vice Chairman
John Tillery
Charles Harris, Finance Director

Others Present: Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gary Myers called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the regular Firemen's Relief & Retirement Fund meeting of September 9, 2019
- b. Annuity checks for FR&R Retirees and other disbursements for the month of November 2019

Action:

Secretary Scott Safford moved to approve items a. and b. on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lee Statham seconded, All Ayes.

4. Hear Third Quarter Report 2019 from Graystone Consulting and take any necessary action

Mr. Jim Stroker and Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Graystone Consulting, presented the Third Quarter Report for 2019 and reviewed the asset class index performance, capital markets overview, the total returns on major US stock market indices, earnings growth, global growth forecasts, and global inflation forecasts.

Mr. Sullivan recommended rebalancing the funds as follows:

	10/10/19 Balance	Rebalance Amounts
1. Delaware LCV	\$1,824,121	
2. LCV ETF	\$231,726	\$38,000

3.	Polen Capital LCG	\$1,612,157
4.	LCG ETF	\$484,719
5.	Great Lakes SMID Core	\$1,435,474
6.	Delaware International	\$1,736,879
7.	WCM Intl Growth	\$1,774,274
8.	Victory Trivalent	\$939,873
9.	Driehaus	\$1,286,809
10.	BREIF	\$2,126,570
11.	Blackrock Strategic Income	\$2,106,351
12.	Federated Core FI	\$2,257,269
13.	Central Park Group	\$0
14.	PE TBD	

Action:

Mr. Lee Statham moved to approve the rebalancing as presented. Secretary Scott Safford seconded, All Ayes.

5. Discuss Great Lake Investments and take any necessary action

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the US Small/Mid Cap Manager Comparison between Kayne Anderson, Ancora Thelen, and GW&K. He explained the Manager vs. Benchmark Return, Peer Universe Rankings, Risk/Return Statistics and Manager Style. In Peer comparison, Kayne Anderson ranked in the 4th percentile and Great Lakes Investment is in the 90th percentile. He explained the higher the number the worse you performed. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended to replace Great Lakes Investment with Kayne Anderson Small Mid Cap Core Equity.

Action:

Secretary Scott Safford moved to replace Great Lakes Investment with Kayne Anderson Small Mid Cap Core Equity. Mr. Lee Statham seconded, All Ayes.

6. Consider travel expenses for 2019 Texas Local Firefighters Retirement Act (TLFFRA) Pension Conference and take any necessary action

Chairman Myers reported that he and Mr. Lee Statham attended the 2019 Texas Local Firefighters Retirement Act Pension Conference and requested approval of travel expenses for Mr. Statham in the amount of \$408.47 and for \$589.25 for Mr. Myers. Additionally, there was a \$50 conference fee for each registrant.

Action:

Secretary Scott Safford moved to approve travel expenses for 2019 Texas Local Firefighters Retirement Act Pension Conference as presented. Mayor David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

7. Discuss changes in the Texas Government Code 802 and the Pension Review Board's Guidelines and take any necessary action

Chairman Myers reviewed the changes in the Texas Government Code 802 and the Pension Review Board's Guidelines noting new legislation requires a funding policy for the plan.

Chairman Myers will review the required guidelines and draft a policy for the board to approve by January 2020.

8. Consider Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) Dues

Chairman Myers stated the renewal membership dues for the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) are approximately \$85 for the upcoming year.

Action:

Secretary Scott Safford moved to approve Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems Dues in the amount of \$85. Mayor David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

9. Set next meeting date and time of Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund Board

The Firemen's Relief and Retirement Board set their next meeting for Monday, November 11, 2019.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Acting City Secretary