



Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund

Samuel A. Horton, Chairman

Jeff Wilmoth, Secretary

Veronica Dias, Trustee

Jerri Barnes, Trustee

Joseph McCombs, Trustee

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FIRE PENSION BOARD
July 10, 2019**

The trustees of the City of Pensacola Firefighters' Pension Fund met this date.

Members Present:

Samuel A. Horton, Chairman

Jeff Wilmoth, Secretary

Veronica Dias

Joseph McCombs

Jerri Barnes

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Nate Edler, Firefighter

Trudi Nichols, Assistant Technology Resource Manager

Gary Leuchtman, Attorney

Richard Barker, Jr., Plan Administrator

Cheryl Jackson, Payroll and Pension Manager

Alexandra Daily, Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Chairman Horton stated that there was a quorum present.

Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to elect Jerri Barnes as the 5th member. Ms. Dias seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Dias made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2019 meeting. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Gary Leuchtman recommended sending Mr. Terrance Wilson a letter stating that this is the final attempt at gathering any additional information regarding his disability claim and his claim will be discussed at the next meeting whether or not Mr. Wilson attends or submits any additional information. Mr. Wilmoth made a motion consistent with the foregoing suggestion. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Leuchtman advised the Fire Pension Board that SB 426 for firefighters has passed and was signed into law by the Governor on May 3rd. Under current Florida law, it is presumed that certain illnesses are accidental and suffered in the line of duty for purposes of determining the cause of disability or death of a firefighters. The current law creates a presumption that may be rebutted by competent evidence and requires that the firefighter have passed a physical examination prior to employment. SB 426 creates a new section 112.1816 and provides two new employer-funded benefits and enhances existing disability and death benefits for any firefighter diagnosed with certain types of cancer. There is no opportunity for the employer to demonstrate the contrary by competent evidence and no requirement that a firefighter have undergone a medical exam prior to employment.

After some discussion regarding the review of the Fire Pension Board Attorney as part of the Board's Service Provider review policy, Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to retain the Board's existing same, Gary Leuchtman. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Trudi Nichols gave a presentation to the Fire Pension Board regarding their potential use of iPads or laptops. After some discussion regarding the Board's use of iPads or laptops, Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to proceed with having Ms. Nichols present the different options and prices to the Board at the next meeting. Ms. Dias seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to following Notice of Pension:

Jose J. Cobbs
Type of Pension: DROP
Effective Date: May 20, 2019
Monthly Pension: \$4,420.70
Annual Pension: \$53,048.40

Mr. McCombs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following information items were noted:

- Statement of changes to cash balances for May, 2019
- Correspondence from Integrity Fixed Income Management, LLC
- Article – "The Tax of Life"

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



Richard Barker, Jr.
Fund Administrator