

# Monroe County Employees Retirement System

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## Monroe County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 17, 2017

### 1. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Monroe County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 P.M. on January 17, 2017 at the Mary K. Daume Library Service Center at 840 South Roessler Street, Monroe, Michigan.

### 2. Roll Call

Roll call as follows:

#### PRESENT

Nancy Bellaire  
Michael Grodi  
George Jondro  
Anne McCarthy

James Morgan  
Bob Neely  
Jason Turner

#### ABSENT

Jeff Koras, excused

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Sandy Calkins, Retirement Specialist  
Michael Bosanac, Retirement Secretary - left at 4:48 P.M.  
Michael Cho, Investment Consultant  
Steven Samet, Boston Partners  
Kurt Terrien and Jeffrey Hakale, Clarkston Capital

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Grodi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Trustee Turner to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Trustee Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 5. Citizens Time

No citizens in attendance.

### 6. Midcap Finalist Presentations

1. Boston Partners, Steven Samet

Boston Partners is headquartered in Boston Massachusetts, with offices in Boston, New York and California. They have approximately 87.1 billion assets under management and 147 employees, 53 are investment professionals.

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Mr. Samet stated Boston Partners value discipline is anchored in three fundamental truths, low valuation stocks outperform high valuation stocks, companies with strong fundamentals outperform companies with poor fundamentals, and stocks with positive business momentum outperform stocks with negative momentum. Boston Partners utilizes bottom-up research, have approximately 100 securities, and a maximum 10% cash holding. Mr. Samet discussed the investment results, year to date the fund is up 25.35%, 3 year the fund is up 16.52%, 5 year the fund is up 16.52%, 10 year the fund is up 8.80% and since inception the fund is up 11.84%. The annual fee schedule is 40 basis points on total assets under management.

**2. Clarkston Capital, Kurt Terrien and Jeffrey Hakale**

Clarkston Capital is a Michigan based company originally started in Clarkston Michigan. The company is now located in Bloomfield Hills Michigan. The company is 85% employee owned with 24 employees. They have approximately 2.9 billion assets under management. Mr. Hakale stated Clarkston Capital is highly selective and focus on risks that matter. Their portfolios are designed to provide downside protection. Mr. Hakale discussed the investing core values, financial principle, business principle, management principle, and the buy/sell discipline. Year to date the fund is up 16.8%, 3 year the fund is up 12.7%, 5 year the fund is up 17.9%, 10 year the fund is up 11.8%, and since inception the fund is up 11.2%. The annual fee schedule is 80 basis points on total assets under management.

**7. New Business**

**1. Retirement Specialist**

Trustee Bellaire stated the Retirement Specialist is taking another position. Due to the vacancy, Trustee Bellaire would like the Retirement Board to approve returning the position to a 40 hour per week position at a professional II classification as well as approve the job description as submitted. She also would like to form a hiring committee. If approved, the position will be posted internally and externally for two weeks.

Motion by Trustee McCarthy to approve returning the position to a 40 hour per week position at a professional II classification as well as approve the job description as submitted. Supported by Trustee Bellaire. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Trustee Comments**

Motion by Trustee McCarthy to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Morgan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Grodi, Chairman  
Monroe County Employees Retirement System