

Monroe County Employees Retirement System

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MINUTES

Monroe County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees Monday, April 26, 2021

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Monroe County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on April 26, 2021 via Zoom meeting.

2. Roll Call

Roll call as follows:

PRESENT:

Jennifer Ewen	Jeff Koras	Randy Richardville
Michael Grodi	Jeff Pauli	Matthew Snell
George Jondro, arrived at 1:15p.m.		

All trustees called into the meeting from Monroe, MI.

ABSENT:

Sharon Lemasters, absent
Bob Neely, excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Joey Becker, Retirement Specialist
Michael Bosanac, Retirement Secretary
Brian Green, Investment Consultant
Thomas Michaud, Legal Counsel

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 Richardville to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Trustee Koras. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Ewen to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Trustee Pauli. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Time

No citizens wished to address the board.

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7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Koras to approve the consent agenda as listed below. Supported by Trustee Ewen.

1. Retirements
 - a. Randall Rosenberger February 13
 - b. Randy Pierce March 1
 - c. Cheryl Hatzung March 2
 - d. Lori Brown March 12
 - e. David Grow March 12
 - f. Rene Kurtz March 13

2. Financial Reports
 - a. Comerica Bank consolidated account statement for December 2020.
 - b. Comerica Bank line item account statement for December 2020.
 - c. Comerica Bank account statements for January 2021.
 - d. Comerica Bank consolidated account statement for January 2021.
 - e. Comerica Bank line item account statement for January 2021.
 - f. Comerica Bank account statements for February 2021.
 - g. Comerica Bank consolidated account statement for February 2021.
 - h. Comerica Bank line item account statement for February 2021.
 - i. Comerica Bank account statements for March 2021.

3. Communication
 - a. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd litigation report for Q4 2020.
 - b. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd settlement report for January 29, 2021.
 - c. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd portfolio monitoring report for January 29, 2021.
 - d. Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd international portfolio monitoring report for January 29, 2021.
 - e. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd settlement report for February 26, 2021.
 - f. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd portfolio monitoring report for February 26, 2021.
 - g. Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd international portfolio monitoring report for February 26, 2021.
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 - i. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd portfolio monitoring report for March 26, 2021.
 - j. Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd international portfolio monitoring report for March 26, 2021.
 - k. Robbins Gellar Rudman & Dowd Q1 2021 repose report.

8. Approval of Bills

Motion by Trustee Ewen to approve payment for the following invoices, subject to house audit. Supported by Trustee Pauli.

1. Invoice #37792 in the amount of \$27,037.50 from AndCo for consulting services and performance evaluation rendered for the period of January 1 – March 31, 2021.

2. Invoice #465471 in the amount of \$1,601.01 from Comerica Bank for custodial services rendered for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2020.

3. Invoice #465383 in the amount of \$1461.63 from Comerica Bank for custodial services rendered for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2020.

4. Invoice in the amount of \$123.97 from Comerica Commercial Card Service for monthly QuickBooks online fee and office supplies.

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6. Kyle Cleland, Sheriff's Office
7. Angelica Debono, General County
8. Caylie Dykes, General County
9. Troy Goodnough, Sheriff's Office
10. David Grow, General County
11. Jared Hehl, General County
12. Rebecca Hicks, General County
13. Raimy Jones, General County
14. Rene Kurtz, General County
15. Joshua Leach, General County
16. Kyleigh-Jo Lynch, General County
17. Kysha Monahan, General County
18. Ryan Murnighan, Sheriff's Office
19. Jerry Oley, General County
20. Randy Pierce, Road Commission
21. Robert Randolph, Road Commission
22. Kimberly Rimel, General County
23. Tonya Russeau, General County
24. Kyleigh Smith, General County
25. John Stewart, County Agency
26. Nicole Walters, General County

8B. Retirement Payments

1. Lori Brown, General County
2. Troy Goodnough, Sheriff's Office
3. David Grow, General County
4. Renee Kurtz, General County
5. Jerry Oley, General County
6. Randy Pierce, Road Commission
7. Robert Randolph, Road Commission
8. Judith Roberts, General County
9. Randall Rosenberger, Sheriff's Office
10. John Stewart, County Agency

All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Communications

Motion by Trustee Richardville to receive and file the following communications. Supported by Trustee Koras.

Application for Service Retirement

1. Lori Brown, General County
2. George Costello Jr., General County
3. Cheryl Hatzung, Library
4. John Kamprath, General County
5. Kyle Kinsey, Road Commission
6. Rene Kurtz, Genral County
7. Robin Reagan, General County
8. Cheryl U'ran, Road Commission

Application for Deferred Retirement

9. Judith Roberts, General County

Application for Disability Retirement

10. Kristy Hood, General County

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Application for Deferred Status

11. Wendy Bair, Sheriff's Office
12. Cari Grahl, General County
13. Julie Langton, General County

Medical Reports

14. Kristy Hood, General County

16. Communication dated April 6, 2021 from Alidade Capital regarding distribution.
17. Communication dated January 25, 2021 from Boyd Watterson regarding 4th quarter 2020 distribution.
18. Communication dated March 1, 2021 from Intercontinental regarding distribution.
19. Communication dated April 6, 2021 from Intercontinental regarding 18th amendment to limited liability company agreement.
20. Communication dated April 6, 2021 from Raven Capital regarding distribution and capital call.
21. Communication dated April 6, 2021 from Raven Capital Management regarding distribution and capital call.
22. Communication dated April 6, 2021 from Raven Capital Management regarding distribution and capital call.

10. Resolutions

Motion by Trustee Ewen to accept and place on file the following retirement resolutions. Supported by Trustee Pauli.

Application for Service Retirement

1. Lori Brown, General County
2. George Costello, General County
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5. Kyle Kinsey, Road Commission
6. Rene Kurtz, General County
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Service Retirement

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16. Randy Pierce, Road Commission
17. Robert Randolph, Road Commission
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Deferred Service Retirement

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Disability Retirement

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All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consultant’s Report

1. March Flash Report

The positive trend for US stocks remained intact for the month across most market capitalizations and styles. Large company stocks resumed leading the market higher with the S&P 500 Index rising by 4.38% for the month followed by value-oriented small company stocks which rose 5.23% for the month. While the primary driver of stock prices continues to be the story surrounding the continued re-opening of the global economy, it is interesting to note that the market’s leadership shifted during the month from growth-oriented technology companies to more conservative utilities, consumer staples, industrials, and basic materials companies. International markets were mixed, as the MSCI EAFE gained +2.30% while Emerging Markets fell -1.51%.

While the momentum in stock returns was decidedly positive during the month that was not the case for fixed income returns. Investors saw the yield on the US 10-Year Treasury bond increase 29 basis points during the month. As a result of higher government bond yields, the higher quality BB US Aggregate Bond Index returned -1.25% for the month. Lower quality credit outperformed as evidenced by the BB US High Yield Bond Index which returned 0.15%, primarily due to the fact that the high yield index has a shorter duration profile (3.7 years) compared to the US Aggregate Bond Index (6.4 years).

Portfolio performed well for the month, rising 1.88% and outpacing the policy index. Performance was led by the higher allocation to Small Cap stocks and strong performance from a number of managers.

On a calendar year to date basis, the portfolio rose +4.85%, beating the policy index gain of +3.76%. We would expect these returns to be slightly higher once Boyd Watterson, Alidade and TerraCap report their Q1 2021 returns. Early estimates from real estate managers have been in the 2.0% range, which is encouraging to see the real estate market in positive territory for Q1 2021.

2. Recommend Rebalance

Motion by Vice Chairman Jondro to accept the recommendation to rebalance \$1.1m from Seizert Large Cap to Cash. Supported by Trustee Richardville. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Old Business

1. Committee Appointments

Administrative Policy Committee Members:

Michael Grodi, Chairman
Jennifer Ewen
Jeff Koras
Sharon Lemasters

Investment Policy Committee Members:

George Jondro, Vice Chairman
Bob Neely
Jeff Pauli
Randy Richardville

Motion by Trustee Pauli to accept the committee appointments. Supported by Trustee Ewen. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. New Business

1. Certification of Earning for Disability Retirants

Motion by Vice Chairman Jondro to send out the request according to policy. Supported by Trustee Pauli. All in favor. Motion carried.

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2. Disability Re-examinations

Motion by Trustee Ewen to follow the disability retirement procedure and schedule the disability re-examinations. Supported by Vice Chairman Jondro. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Fiduciary Liability Insurance

Motion by Trustee Koras to approve the policy and bind the coverage. Supported by Trustee Ewen. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. New Equipment for Board Trustees

Motion by Vice Chairman Jondro to purchase Acer 715 for the trustees. Supported by Trustee Koras. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Service Provider Disclosure Policy

Motion by Trustee Ewen to send out the request according to policy. Supported by Trustee Koras. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Attorney's Report

1. Public Meetings – Covid 19

Mr. Michaud reviewed the memo regarding public meetings. He stated the state of emergency issued by the County allows for virtual meetings to continue.

Mr. Bosanac stated the end of the state of emergency is to be determined but will continue for at least 30 days.

15. Trustee Comments

Trustee Pauli stated ever since Trustee Ewen, Trustee Richardville and Trustee Snell started on the Board he's noticed the financials have improved dramatically.

Trustee Ewen thanked Trustee Pauli.

Vice Chairman Jondro stated he hopes the new trustees can continue with improving the investments.

Chairman Jondro thanked Mr. Green and his counsel. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming MAPERS Fall conference.

16. Administrative Calendar

July 26, 2021 Financial Audit/Statement
Verification of Retirant and Beneficiary Data
Actuarial Report – Nyhart
MAPERS 2021 Fall Educational Seminar, September 18-21
DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, MI

October 25, 2021 Summary Annual Report to Members
Review of Investment Managers
Investment Policy Review
Trustee Election:
Set Meeting Schedule and Calendar
Adopt Training Budget – According to policy

17. Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Ewen to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Koras. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Grodi, Chairman
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