TOWN OF PALM BEACH
RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, AT 9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Retirement Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Town Council Chambers. In attendance were Chair Stanton, Vice Chair Carter, Secretary Parker, and Board Members Birch, Debrincat, Lambert, Marx and Miracle. Board Member Copeland was absent.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Board Member Carter nominated Board Member Stanton as Chair, seconded by Board Member Lambert.

A motion was made by Board Member Lambert and seconded by Board Member Carter to elect Board Member Stanton as Chair. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

Board Member Stanton nominated Board Member Carter as Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member Lambert.

A motion was made by Deputy Town Manager Miracle and seconded by Board Member Debrincat to elect Board Member Carter as Vice Chair. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Board Member Copeland, seconded by Board Member Carter, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 8-0.

IV. TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Chair Stanton spoke regarding his presentation of the Annual Report to the Town Council. He discussed the importance of TC's discretionary annual contribution and his suggestion to TC that it continue annual extraordinary contributions of $5.42MM until our Plan was meaningfully above 90% funded.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Stanton called for public comment. No one indicated a desire to speak.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from March 14, 2025, Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Carter and seconded by Deputy Town Manager Miracle to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

The following item was heard out of order of the agenda:

VII. INVESTMENT REVIEW, DAVE WEST, CFA, MARINER

Mr. West spoke regarding the volatile state of the market due to the impact of uncertainty of tariffs. Mr. West spoke regarding the market update as of April 30, 2025. Our fund's value is within 5% of its all-time high.

Chair Stanton remarked that our fund's return since inception was above our 6% objective for the first time in memory. Mr. West remarked that our fixed-income mandate was to emphasize credit quality in our core bond fund as Private Credit is introduced. He reminded our Board that our preference is to hold two quarters' worth of liquidity in anticipation of distributions.

Mr. West presented the Asset Allocation Compliance report. He spoke regarding the recent change that removed the limit on liquid reserves. He stated that he would like to discuss rebalancing the domestic equity and move that allocation closer to the long-term policy target. He recommended allocating proceeds to the Garcia Hamilton fund and/or allocating cash to reserves. In light of its chronic poor performance, he also promised a review of Pear Tree Polaris at our next meeting. Extensive discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Board Member Carter and seconded by Board Member Marx to reduce the domestic equity index fund down to 40% of the total portfolio from where it is now and to take those proceeds and put them in liquid reserves. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

VIII. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND DISBURSEMENTS, MELISSA LADD, CONTROLLER

Melissa Ladd, Controller, reviewed the quarterly financial report and disbursement schedule for the Town's retirement system as of March 31, 2025. Reporting total net assets held in trust of $302,178,430 with no liabilities. Statement of changes in net assets showed total additions were $16,418,767 and total deductions were $11,288,212, resulting in net increase of net assets to date of $5,130,554. Investment and Operating and Investment Expenses for the Fiscal Year to date totaled $231,400. Historical Investment and Operating Expenses from FY 2021 to date was reported on Page 4. The Cash Flow projection from April 1 – September 30, 2025 shows an estimated amount of transfer from Money Market Accounts of $5,250,000. Disbursements for the period February 22, 2025, through May 9, 2025, totaled approximately $650,257.

A motion was made by Board Member Parker and seconded by Board Member Carter to approve the disbursement schedule. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, EDEMIR ESTRADA, GRS

Ms. Estrada provided an update on the case where the administrator got notified in October of a retiree who passed away in March. She stated that the case is now closed after attorney review. She stated that she is coordinating with the Town on forms and procedures for certain processes. She reminded the Trustees about filing their Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests that is filed electronically with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

She reviewed the Administrator's Report provided by the Town. As of May 6, there are 19 DROP participants, 420 retirees, and 321 active employees contributing to the system.

A motion was made by Board Member Carter and seconded by Board Member Lambert to approve the Administrator's report. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

X. ATTORNEY REPORT, JANICE RUSTIN, ATTORNEY

Ms. Rustin spoke regarding the notification for the Form 1. She spoke regarding the fine for non-filing. She welcomed the new Trustee, Mr. Birch and stated that she would be happy to meet with him on background on public pension law and the roles of the service providers. She also spoke regarding the signers' list needing to be updated and spoke regarding requesting that the signers card also be updated to include the Deputy Town Manager.

XI. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Next Meeting: Friday, August 15, 2025, at 9:00 am

XII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters discussed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Carter and seconded by Board Member Marx to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 AM. The motion was carried unanimously, 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Parker 9-29-25

Tom Parker, Secretary
Retirement Board of Trustees
Meeting audio is located at: https://palmbeachfl.portal.civicclerk.com/event/141/media