

CITY OF MARIETTA/BLW SPECIAL CALLED PENSION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
9:00 AM – Fourth Floor City Hall Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES (UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED)

Members Present: Post 1: Bill Bruton Post 2: Joseph Goldstein
Post 4: Rich Buss Post 5: Patina Brown
Post 6: Bruce Bishop Post 7: Keisha Register
Post 8: Patrick Bonito Post 9: Bobby Moss

Absent: Post 3: Cheryl Richardson

Ex Officio Members: Davy Godfrey – Pension Board Secretary and Director, Human Resources & Risk Management
Sam Lady – Treasurer and Director of Finance

Visitors / Guests Read Gignilliat and Patrick Lail – Pension Attorneys
Elizabeth Jacobs – Benefits Manager
Garry Thomas – Code Enforcement Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bobby Moss declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

BUSINESS:

Disability Retirement Application of Russell Chambers

Chairman Moss asked Secretary Godfrey to present the updated information for the disability retirement application of Russell Chambers. Godfrey provided the information and answered several questions asked by board members. Extensive discussion was held regarding Chambers' condition, including some questions that were directed to the attorneys regarding recertification and the timelines available. After determining that Chambers could recertify with the current cohort of disability retirees in spring/summer 2021 to ease the administrative burden, Chairman Moss asked if anyone would like to make a motion.

Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the disability retirement application of Russell Chambers, effective February 1, 2020, and place him in the recertification group as currently established, with an option to review his application if new information is discovered by the board or is provided. Motion seconded by Member Bruton.

The motion carried by the following vote: 8-0-0.

Pension Forfeiture Hearings Update

Chairman Moss asked Read Gignilliat to come forward to present the board with an update on the pension forfeiture hearings of Shantel Bowens and Debbie Bailey. Gignilliat advised the board that the hearings at the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH) had been continued to March 9, 2020, and that Bailey had requested this as well as asked OSAH for advice on how to obtain legal counsel. Gignilliat stated that they held a conference with the Attorney General's office and the Administrative Law Judge, but Bailey didn't call in as she was supposed to. He advised the board that there were some questions asked by the judge during the conference, but they were prepared to address them at

the hearing. He stated that he felt confident that the economic impact amount is solid, but that he would file amended petitions soon because of the additional expenses incurred.

FUTURE ESTABLISHED MEETINGS:

February 12, ~~2020~~, 9:00am: Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Buss made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member Goldstein.

The motion carried by the following vote: 8-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41am.

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APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020



Bobby Moss, Pension Board Chairman

ATTEST: 

Davy Godfrey, Pension Board Secretary