

CITY OF DEARBORN
CHAPTER 22 - GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
(System Close date: 07/01/2002)
NOTICE of BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING & AGENDA
Dearborn Administrative Center – Conference Room 1-D
16901 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI, 48126

8:30 AM, Thursday, June 26, 2025

Open Session Minutes

Board Attendance	Present	Absent	Term End Date
Randa Dagher – Chair, Mayor Appointed	X		01/01/26
Alan Brzys, Vice Chair, City Council Appointed		X	01/01/26
Robert Guerin, Trustee, Member Elected	X		06/30/27
Wisam Fakhoury, Trustee, CSC Appointed	X		06/30/28
Michael Timiney, Trustee, Member Elected	X		06/30/25

Other Attendance	Present	Absent
Michael Kennedy, Board Secretary	X	
Robert Festerman, Pension Administrator	X	
Robert Benak, Pension Accountant	X	
Jeremy Romer, Legal Counsel		X
Marie Racine, Legal Counsel	X	
John Krakowiak, Graystone, Consultant	X	
Amy Cole, Graystone, Consultant		X

***Roll Call Time: 8:33 A.M.**

Quorum Met (Needs 3 attending members for a quorum): Yes

1. Consider agenda as proposed

<i>Motion by:</i>	<i>Robert Guerin</i>
<i>Support by:</i>	<i>Wisam Fakhoury</i>
<i>Roll-Call Vote</i>	<i>Unanimous</i>
<i>Resolution #</i>	2025-36

8:30 AM - INVESTMENT CONSULTANT BUSINESS

2. Investment Manager Presentation – None Scheduled

3. Graystone Consulting – Monthly Report

John Krakowiak from Graystone presented the monthly market report and the monthly performance report. Mr. Krakowiak briefly discussed the statements of the Federal Reserve's Chairman Powell regarding inflation, as well as the expectation that there may be two rate cuts this year and one additional in 2026. Energy costs spiked and then settled back down in reaction to the conflicts in the Middle East. Mr. Krakowiak explained that energy costs have an impact on inflation as energy is necessary for nearly every product and market. The tariff and trade deal deadlines are coming in early July, with market impacts currently unknown. Mr. Krakowiak also noted the progress being made with the current budget reconciliation bill that would seek to cut taxes for corporations and loosen regulations which he expects will benefit the markets. Mr. Krakowiak explained that he views these factors as bullish for the markets and a good indicator.

Regarding performance, Mr. Krakowiak explained he was happy with Chapter 22's performance. The yearly return for the System was 7.5%, clearing the target goal of 7%. Mr. Krakowiak also discussed adding some emerging market mid-cap allocations to the Chapter 23 portfolio to diversify the fund further and help cover some gaps in the return. Mr. Krakowiak explained that Chapter 23 has little mid-cap exposure compared to Chapter 22 and the return on those investments for Fiscal Year 2025 were 9.5%.

Mr. Krakowiak discussed the more illiquid investments which include the private equity investments and the real estate portfolios. Mr. Krakowiak also discussed Comerica Bank and the continuing issues with obtaining reporting for both funds accurately and timely.

Secretary Michael Kennedy was asked about the City's RFP for Banking Services. He explained that the RFP has been temporarily suspended as the City works through the ongoing changes already taking place, e.g. implementation of a new ERP system, and the new payroll system which still has issues that are being ironed out, large renovations are in progress in city hall, etc. The Custody RFP is still active and will be conducted at a later date.

Mr. Krakowiak described his experiences with various custodial banking service providers. He also explained the differences between each service provider as it relates to capacity, experience and cost for purposes of comparing pure custodian firms and banks that do custody as a service.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. *CONSENT AGENDA FOR 06-26-2025*

A. Consider 05/29/2025 Draft Board Minutes

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

<i>Motion by:</i>	<i>Wisam Fakhoury</i>
<i>Support by:</i>	<i>Michael Timiney</i>
<i>Roll-Call Vote</i>	<i>Unanimous</i>
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OTHER BUSINESS

5. Trustee Election Results

The Board was provided the Trustee election results issued by the Clerk's Office. Trustee Michael Timiney was reelected as the Chapter 22 Member Elected Trustee.

6. Any Other Business Items That Arise

Trustee Robert Guerin inquired about the eligibility of a trustee freezing their pension and remaining a trustee. Pension Administrator Robert Festerman and Legal Counsel Marie Racine briefly discussed that the initial belief is that frozen members are still considered active members of the System and are therefore eligible to vote in elections and as such, should be eligible to remain a trustee. Ms. Racine indicated she would provide sections of the ordinance as it pertains to the issue for clarification.

Trustee Michael Timiney inquired about the future of the System's elections as the active population is around 40 people currently. What happens when there are no more active members that run or are even eligible. Legal Counsel Racine explained that prior discussions have indicated the Boards are interested in allowing retirees to become trustees in this case. Ms. Racine also explained there is language that would allow City Council to take over the responsibility of the System as it has done for Chapter 21. Ms. Racine will present on this topic at a future date.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Open work items in process

a. EDRO / DRO In Process: P. Frank, R. Smith - No updates.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Any other informational items that arise

Pension Administrator Festerman indicated that that preparation for fiscal year end was under way for the Finance Department. As part of the year end process, a comparison of actual expenses vs. budget will be completed to address any budget overages. A preliminary review showed that overall Chapter 22 appears to be under budget. However, there were some accounts that will likely need budget reallocations, which allows for the underutilized budget amounts for one expense account to be reallocated to another expense account without needing to increase the overall budget.

Mr. Festerman indicated that a more in-depth review will be conducted following the June 30, 2025 year end and the results will be presented at the July 31, 2025 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION - 9:51 A.M.

9. Motion to go to Closed Session

<i>Motion by:</i>	<i>Robert Guerin</i>
<i>Support by:</i>	<i>Michael Timiney</i>
<i>Roll-Call Vote</i>	<i>Randa Dagher - Yes</i>
	<i>Alan Brzys - Absent</i>
	<i>Robert Guerin - Yes</i>
	<i>Wisam Fakhoury - Yes</i>
	<i>Michael Timiney - Yes</i>
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- a. Review of 05/29/2025 Closed Session Minutes
- b. Legal Report(s) presented by Racine & Associates
- c. Any Other Closed Session Items that Arise

OPEN SESSION (cont.) - 10:57 A.M.

10. Consideration of 05/29/2025 Closed Session Minutes. Motion to approve:

<i>Motion by:</i>	<i>Robert Guerin</i>
<i>Support by:</i>	<i>Wisam Fakhoury</i>
<i>Roll-Call Vote</i>	<i>Unanimous</i>
<i>Resolution #</i>	2025-40

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting end time:	10:59 A.M.
<i>Motion by:</i>	<i>Robert Guerin</i>
<i>Support by:</i>	<i>Wisam Fakhoury</i>
<i>Roll-Call Vote</i>	<i>Unanimous</i>
<i>Resolution #</i>	2025-41



Michael Kennedy, Board Secretary

8-12-25

Date

2025-45

Minutes Approval Resolution

7-31-2025

Minutes Approval Date