

**OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
RETIREE BENEFITS ("OPEB") TRUST
OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE**

1662nd Meeting

October 15, 2020

The 1662nd meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Employees' Retirement System, the Elected Officials' Retirement System, and the Retiree Benefits ("OPEB") Trust of the City of Baltimore was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:04 a.m. in the 12th floor Conference Room of 7 E. Redwood Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Attendance (all by WebEx): *Board Members* – Rosemary Atkinson, John Beasley, Dorothy Bryant, Helen Holton, Deborah F. Moore-Carter, Joan M. Pratt, Henry Raymond and Patricia Roberts *Consultants* – Nichole Roman-Bhatty of Marquette Associates, Judy Chambers and Aleem Naqvi of Meketa Investment Group *Legal* – Ellen Callahan, General Counsel. *Staff* – David A. Randall, Nichelle Lashley, Adetutu Talabi, Donna Bowen, Aja Jackson and Rosemary Kourdoglou *Guest* – Gar Chung, Reporter.

Chair Raymond called the meeting to order.

The Board considered, and on motion made by Trustee Holton, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the Open Meeting of September 17, 2020.

Nichole Roman-Bhatty of Marquette Associates presented on Investment Market Summary as of September 30, 2020. She then reviewed manager performance as of September 30, 2020 for ERS, EOS and the OPEB Trust and reviewed the current Watch List, explaining that a review of Xponance (formerly FIS) would be presented at the November Board Meeting.

The Board noted receipt of the ERS Cash Flow Projection Schedule. Ms. Talabi reviewed the schedule with the Board, reporting that \$35M was required for ERS Cash Requirements in November. On motion made by Trustee Pratt, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the \$35M Cash Requirements for ERS (taking \$20M from US Large Cap and \$15M from Rhumblin on the recommendation from Ms. Roman-Bhatty.)

Ms. Talabi then reported that \$350,000 was required for EOS Cash Requirements in November. On motion made by Trustee Pratt, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the \$350,000 Cash requirements for EOS (taking the full amount from Mellon Large Cap on the recommendation from Ms. Roman-Bhatty.)

Finally, Ms. Talabi reported that the standing motion for \$2M in Cash Requirements for the OPEB Trust Cash Flow Projection Schedule required a motion. On motion made by Trustee Pratt, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved \$2M in Cash Requirements to the OPEB Trust, contingent on capital calls.

Judy Chambers of Meketa Investment Group then provided a review of the Private Equity Portfolio as of March 31, 2020 and reported that she would be presenting on June 30, 2020 numbers in November. Chambers then provided an update on the OPEB Alternatives Portfolio as of March 31, 2020 and Risk Premia and Hedge Funds as of September 30, 2020.

The Board noted receipt of the Investment Analysis of the ERS, EOS and the OPEB Trust. This included the Summary of Compliance as of August 31, 2020, the Asset Allocation and Pro-Forma as of September 30, 2020, the Chart of Statement of Net Assets as of September 30, 2020 and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets as of September 30, 2020.

Deputy Director Nichelle Lashley provided a review of the Benefits Listing. The Board noted receipt of and accepted the Retirement Benefits Listings for the November 1 payroll, and noted the Decisions and

Findings of Facts rendered by the Panel of Hearing Examiners. On motion made by Trustee Holton, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Retirement Benefits Listing for November 1.

The Executive Director updated the Board on various items, including that the Executive Director's Evaluation was discussed and approved at the conclusion of the September Board Meeting. Mr. Randall provided an update on the responses to CC Bill 20-0603 and 20-0604. He then presented the Administrative Expenses for September 2020. On motion made by Trustee Pratt, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the administrative expenses for September 2020. Deputy Director Nichelle Lashley provided an update on the impact of COVID-19 on office procedures.

The Executive Director reported on other items in the Project Status Report, including the PTG Project and Hybrid Membership Cleanup and Scanning Project.

At this point in time, Gar Chung left the meeting.

At this point in time, Chair Raymond then called for a motion to recess the meeting, in accordance with the Board's intention to have a closed executive session, as provided in the Open Meetings Act, which is codified in Title 3 of the General Provisions of the Maryland Code, under Section 10-508(a)(14) to discuss, before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, a matter directly related to negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process. On motion made by Trustee Holton, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board entered Closed session.

At 12:42 p.m., the Open Meeting reconvened. Present were those stated above.

On motion made by Trustee Moore-Carter, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board then ratified the following decisions taken in the Closed Meeting;

- To hire GenNx360 as a Private Equity Manager on an allocation of \$20-30M from the ERS based on final conversations between GenNx360 and Meketa Investment Group;
- To hire GenNx360 as a Private Equity Manager on an allocation of \$2-4M from the OPEB Trust based on final conversations between GenNx360 and Meketa Investment Group; and
- To approve the 2020 Preliminary Actuarial Valuation Results Report from Cheiron, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: November 19, 2020


David A. Randall, Executive Director