

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 A.M.

PRESENT: Mark Gerber, Finance Director/Treasurer; Christopher Conti,
Retirement Board Trustee

ABSENT: Richard Aginian, Citizen Member

ALSO PRESENT: Thelma Golden, Treasury Consultant; Frank Pisano, Library Board;
Brett Reardon and Jeremy Chambers, Captrust

Motion by Conti:

Second by Gerber:

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 31, 2022

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aginian: Absent

Conti: Aye

Gerber: Aye

Jeremy Chambers and Brett Reardon reviewed Captrust's Quarterly Review for the 3rd Quarter of 2022.

At September 30, 2022 the Retirement Fund's performance for 3rd Quarter 2022 was -4.60%; YTD 2022 was -20.16%. At October 31, 2022 the Fund's performance for October was 3.80%; YTD was -17.12%. The Retiree Health Care Fund had similar performance.

Chris Conti requested that Captrust provide a verbal report of November's investment performance at the December Retirement Board meeting.

Captrust will include Comerica's consolidated performance figures with its investment returns in each quarterly report.

Mark Gerber reported that the city should be able to offset some of the contributions by keeping contributions level with the 5-year smoothing of investment returns.

Captrust's Investment Policy Monitor (Scorecard) ranked both Blackrock Mid-Cap Growth Equity and Allspring Special Small-Cap Value Funds as under review. In the short term, they have both trailed their benchmarks. In the long run, their performance is very good. Captrust has no concerns with either fund at this time.

TCW is the parent firm of Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund.

Captrust has no recommendations for changes in the portfolio at this time.

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The Graham Absolute Return Fund has been totally liquidated. The Whitebox Multi-Strategy Fund has been partially liquidated. Liquidated funds will be transferred to the Partners Group Private Equity Fund for investment effective December 1, 2022.

There was discussion regarding changes to the investment strategy in 2023. Captrust feels that, if the assumed rate of return is changed, the Retirement Board may want to change the strategy a bit, but probably not much.

The actuary will review the actuarial valuation at the December Retirement Board meeting and review the 5-year Experience Study at the March meeting.

Mark Gerber reported that the City is changing the administration of its Health Care from Automated Benefit Services to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, which should reduce claims experience. This should reduce the withdrawals from the Retiree Health Care Fund. Retiree Health Care costs will continue to rise but soon will start tapering off.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30. A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Golden
Treasury Consultant