



Pension Board
Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

1650 Huron St.
Knoxville, TN 37917
www.cokpension.org

Thursday, September 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Pension Board Conference Room

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Neubert called to order the September 14, 2023 meeting of the City of Knoxville Pension Board at 9:04 a.m. in the Pension Board Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
Mayor Kincannon	Mayor	Absent	Proxy
Linda Gay Blanc	Mayoral Appointment	Present	9:08
Boyce Evans	Finance Director	Absent	
Lynne Fugate	City Council Representative	Present	
James Kennedy	Police Representative	Present	
	General Government Representative		
Jacob Mason	Fire Representative	Present	
Alex Neubert	General Government Representative	Present	
Dennis Owen	Mayoral Appointment	Present	
Kathy Aslinger	Legal Counsel	Present	
Kristi Paczkowski	Executive Director	Present	

Others present: Mr. Charles Swanson – City Law Department and Proxy for Mayor Kincannon, Ms. Kittrin Smith – City Deputy Director of Finance, Ms. Laura Stewart – USI Consulting Group

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR August 10, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

4. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA – Exhibit 2

Motion: Mr. Owen made a motion to accept the Revised Agenda. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

(a) USI Actuary Presentation – Ms. Laura Stewart

The Board moved the Actuarial Presentation to after Item 16.

(b) Special Election

Ms. Paczkowski informed the Board that the staff is preparing for the upcoming special election for the General Government – Seat B vacancy left by Mr. Reyes upon his separation of employment from the City of Knoxville. The vacancy should be filled for the October meeting.

(c) Budget Items

Ms. Paczkowski informed the Board that there are some items still needed for the office following the move, but that the need for additional items and modifications for the new space was anticipated and the costs were included in the budget approved by the Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

6. CONTRACTS: None

7. ENROLLMENTS

The following employees have filed applications to become members of the Plan HG or HU pension system:

Ryan Bishop – HG	Paul Novacek – HG
Hailey Boles – HG	Kaden Parrott – HG
Anthony Boseman – HG	Brandon Phillips – HG
Joseph Clabo – HG	Dameek Reed – HG
Michael Feist – HG	Grant Rosenberg – HG
Jake Hardee – HG	Aaron Smith – HG
Jesse Hull – HG	Timothy Smith – HG
James Johnson – HG	David Webb – HG
Shakeiyah Jones – HG	Adrienne Weiss – HG
Christopher McNeal – HG	Richard Zeller – HG
Samuel Melcosky – HG	

Motion: Mr. Swanson made a motion to approve these applications for enrollment in Plan HG or HU of the pension system. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

8. WITHDRAWALS

The following employees have filed applications to withdraw employee pension contributions plus interest and the supplemental retirement account as applicable to each participant's respective plan.

Vanek Blake – HG
Amelia Cooper – HG
Michael Deason – HG
Tyrome Ferguson – HG
Joshua Harris – Plan HG
Denna Mauri – Plan HG, beneficiary of Anthony Mauri (active deceased non-vested employee)
Danny McCoy – HG
Daniel Richardson – HG

Motion: Ms. Fugate made a motion to approve these applications for withdrawal of employee contributions. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

9. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAYED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP): PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1371.8 – PLAN G.
The following employees have chosen a Delayed Retirement Option and will receive a one-time payment of the accumulated monthly benefits on termination of employment with the City of Knoxville.

Leonard E. Blair, General Gov't. – Plan G2	Option A-7
63 years of age	50% with Reinstatement
Total Credited Service: 28 years 2 months 26 days	
<u>\$2,695.44</u> pension effective September 1, 2023	

Motion: Mr. Owen made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

Steven P. McCloud, General Gov't. – Plan G2	Option A-9
62 years of age	100% with Reinstatement
Total Credited Service: 28 years 0 months 17 days	
<u>\$2,703.13</u> pension effective September 1, 2023	

Motion: Mr. Owen made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

**10. APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT: PLAN G
CHARTER SECTION 1360.28**

Donna B. Goodman, Gen. Gov't. – Plan G2
62 years of age
Total Credited Service: 17 years 4 months 30 days
\$1,430.66 pension effective September 1, 2023
Last day worked: April 21, 2022

Option C
Cash Refund Lump Sum

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve this application for Deferred Retirement. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

Christopher K. Jones, Gen. Gov't. – Plan G2
62 years of age
Total Credited Service: 10 years 8 months 10 days
\$609.99 pension effective September 1, 2023
Last day worked: May 28, 2016

Option A-8
75% with Reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve this application for Deferred Retirement. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

**11. APPLICATION FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT: PLAN H
CHARTER SECTION 1381.4(A)**

Deborah A. Corlew, Gen. Gov't. – Plan H
70 years of age
Total Credited Service: 10 years 0 months 12 days
\$584.88 pension effective September 1, 2023

No Option

Motion: Ms. Fugate made a motion to approve this application for Normal Retirement. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

**12. APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT: PLAN C
CHARTER SECTION 1390.16**

Peter J. Neveu, Fire Dept – Uniformed
55 years of age
Total credited service: 13 years 2 months 15 days
(last employed November 2011)
\$928.96 pension effective September 1, 2023

No Option

Motion: Mr. Mason made a motion to approve this application for Deferred Retirement. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

Kelly D. Tanner, Police Dept – Uniformed
54 years of age
Total credited service: 16 years 7 months 18 days
(last employed March 2015)
\$1,428.41 pension effective September 1, 2023

Option A – 9
100% with reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Mason made a motion to approve this application for Deferred Retirement. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

**13. APPLICATION FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT: PLAN C
CHARTER SECTION 1390.6**

Loretta Sue Cox, Police Dept. – Uniformed
69 years of age
Total Credited Service: 25 years 28 days
\$3,680.66 pension effective September 1, 2023

No Option

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve this application for Normal Retirement. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

Ms. Blanc arrived at 9:08 a.m.

**14. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAYED RETIREMENT OPTION
PROGRAM (DROP): PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1390.22 – PLAN C.
The following employees have chosen a Delayed Retirement Option and will receive
a one-time payment of the accumulated monthly benefits on termination of
employment with the City of Knoxville.**

James D. Rickett Jr, Fire Dept. – Uniformed
53 years of age
Total Credited Service: 25 years 2 months 7 days
\$3,754.37 pension effective September 1, 2023
DROP complete August 31, 2025

Option A – 5
75% without reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Mason made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

James M. Womble Jr, Fire Dept. – Uniformed
55 years of age
Total Credited Service: 25 years 1 month 7 days
\$3,766.79 pension effective September 1, 2023
DROP complete August 31, 2025

No Option

Motion: Mr. Mason made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

15. APPROVAL OF INVOICES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

	Amount
Kennerly Montgomery & Finley – August Legal Fees	1,977
USI Consulting Group – July Actuarial Services	<u>24,028</u>
	26,005

Ms. Paczkowski, Executive Director, has reviewed the bills and certifies that they are consistent with services provided and are within the budgeted figures of the system's financial plan.

Motion: Ms. Fugate made a motion to pay the invoices as presented. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

16. INVESTMENT MATTERS:

(a) Investment Guideline Update – Eagle

Based on the recommendation from Marquette and the due diligence of the Executive Director, the Investment Committee brings a motion to the Pension Board to increase the allowable aggregate percentage of American Depositary Receipts from 15% to 40% in the Investment Manager Instructions for Eagle Capital Management.

Motion: Mr. Owen made a motion to accept the recommendation proposed by the Investment Committee to increase the allowable aggregate percentage in the Investments Manager Instructions for Eagle Capital Management. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

(b) Investment Committee Recommendation for Private Credit

Based on the advice from Marquette and in consultation with the Executive Director, the Investment Committee brings a motion to the Pension Board to invest \$10 million in the AG Direct Lending Fund IV upon reaching a legal agreement with Angelo Gordon (Twin Brook).

Motion: Ms. Fugate made a motion to accept the recommendation proposed by the Investment Committee to invest funds in the AG Direct Lending Fund IV upon reaching a legal agreement with Angelo Gordon (Twin Brook). Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS (continued)

- Actuary presentation by Ms. Laura Stewart

Ms. Stewart gave a presentation on the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 for the City of Knoxville Employees' Pension System. A copy of the valuation report and presentation are on file in the Pension Office.

Motion: Ms. Blanc made a motion to accept the July 1, 2023 Actuarial Valuation as presented by Ms. Stewart. Mr. Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

Ms. Fugate left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

- 18. OTHER: None
- 19. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- 20. ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None
- 21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Neubert at 9:37 a.m.



Chair

10.16.2023

Date

NOTICE: The next Pension Board Meeting is on Thursday, October 12th, 2023

