

Pension Board

Regular Meeting ~ Minutes ~

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

Thursday, February 13,2025

9:00 a.m.

Pension Board Conference Room

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kincannon called to order the February 13, 2025 meeting of the City of Knoxville Pension Board at 9:00 a.m. in the Pension Board Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Others present: Brad Hampton and Kweku Obed (via video call) – Marquette, Ms. Savannah Kirk – City Recorder's Office, Mr. Roger Byrd – Fire Department retired uniform member

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA – Exhibit 1

Motion: Ms. Blanc made a motion to accept the Revised Agenda. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- IRA Option update

Ms. Paczkowski and Attorney Aslinger informed the Board that although they were unable to reach an agreement with Matrix for an IRA rollover solution, the Board would be able to enter into an agreement with Empower to roll over funds for former employees who had been separated from the City for over 6 years with refund amounts over \$1,000.00. After discussing the options with the Investment Committee, the Investment Committee recommends entering into a contract with Empower for rollover IRA services.

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to accept the rollover solution as recommended by the Investment Committee. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 – 0.

- Member Retirement Statistics

Ms. Paczkowski presented the Board with a summary of how many City employees, both Uniformed and General Government, will be eligible to retire within the next 3 years.

2025 City Budget Retreat

Ms. Paczkowski informed the Board that she would be presenting at the 2025 City Budget Retreat on February 14th.

6. CONTRACTS: None

7. ENROLLMENTS

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

Michael Albright - HG Colton Higley - HU Chrystyn Allen - HG Trevon Hill - HG James Beaufort - HG Connor Hodge - HG William Brothers - HG Carl Huffman - HG Maron Brown - HG Hunter Jones - HG Brandin Bunch - HU Logan Kelley - HU Joseph Butler - HG Jason King - HG Kieser Byrne - HU Alexander Locke - HU Joshua Campbell - HG Heather McCaleb - HG Steven Campbell - HG Jerry McMasters - HG Anthony Cannon - HU Dylan Michel - HG Caleb Constant - HU Jacob Moore - HU Brooke Copeman - HG Nash Moore - HG Ryan Cotrell - HU Sabastian Morosini - HU James Cook - HU Auwren Mullins - HG Rachel Covington - HG Danielle Norman - HG Christopher Dickson - HU Kevin O'Connell - HG Ryan Doane - HG Philip Pettet - HU Connor Dowling - HU Austin Reynolds - HU Tyler Drost - HU Dax Rubish - HU Thomas Drummond - HU Chad Scott - HU Samuel Edington - HU Richard Shinn - HU Leeanna Eubanks - HU Stephen Stange - HU Joshua Evans - HG Gregory Tate - HG Robbie Evans - HG Andrew Villa - HG Victoria Evans - HG Victoria Walsh-HU Cody Franklin - HU Kaleb White - HU Ja'Qualin Franklin - HG James Whitmore - HG Thaddeaus Grothe - HU Shawn Wynn - HU John Hart - HU

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve these applications for enrollment in Plan HG or HU of the pension system. Ms. Blanc seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

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.

Tatjana Bukvic – HG
Andrew Connell – HU
Dustin Davis – HG
Mark Dills – HG
Johnny Graham – HG

Richard Kitts – HG
Alicia Witte – HU
Martin Rice – HU
Alan Rogers – HG
Jonathan Scott – HU

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve these applications for withdrawal of employee contributions. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 - 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.

Ann E. Bateman, General Gov't. 65 years of age Total Credited Service: 14.55206 years \$1,178.36 pension effective February 1, 2025 Option A-5
75% without reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Wallace F. Hickman, General Gov't. 62 years of age Total Credited Service: 13.55206 years \$962.78 pension effective February 1, 2025 Option A-6 100% without reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Rebecca L. Johnson, General Gov't. 62 years of age Total Credited Service: 24.07945 years \$2,368.62 pension effective February 1, 2025 Option B-10 5 Year Certain & Life

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Sanford P. Smith, General Gov't. 65 years of age Total Credited Service: 32.53288 years \$2,376.36 pension effective February 1, 2025

Option A-6
100% without reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Evans made a motion to approve this application for DROP Retirement. Mr. Neubert seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

10. APPLICATION FOR RULE OF 80: PLAN G CHARTER SECTION 1360.12

Vivian D. Hatfield, General Gov't. – Plan G2 54 years of age Total Credited Service: 25.71324 years \$6,086.07 pension effective February 1, 2025 No Option

Motion: Mr. Neubert made a motion to approve this application for a Rule of 80 Retirement. Ms. Fugate seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

11. APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT: PLAN G CHARTER SECTION 1360.28

Charles E. Burgess, Gen. Gov't. – Plan G1 62 years of age Total Credited Service: 9.00000 years *\$257.67 pension effective February 1, 2025

No Option

Last day worked: August 26, 2003

*Defined benefit only – member chose to convert the value of the supplemental retirement account (defined contribution) into an additional, lifetime monthly annuity per the 12/31/2024 account valuation.

Motion: Mr. Neubert made a motion to approve this application for a Deferred Retirement. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 – 0.

12. APPLICATION FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT: PLAN C CHARTER SECTION 1390.6

Fredrick R. Kimber, Police Dept. – Uniformed 56 Years of age Total Credited Service: 28.74296 years

\$4,234.01 pension effective February 1, 2025

Option A-9
100% with reinstatement

Motion: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve this application for a Normal Retirement. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

13. APPROVAL OF INVOICES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

	Amount
Acadian Asset Management – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 Eagle Capital Management – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 Income Research + Management – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 Kennerly Montgomery & Finley PC – January Legal Fees Ninety-One North America – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 Pinnacle Associates Ltd – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 Schroders – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024 USI Consulting Group – Actuarial Services William Blair – Investment Management Fees Q4 2024	73,694 123,957 46,192 2,111 31,702 37,080 43,785 5,833 37,140
	401,494

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. Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Fugate left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

14. INVESTMENT MATTERS:

- Marquette Representatives Kweku Obed and Brad Hampton
 - 4th Quarter 2024 Performance Report

Mr. Hampton made a presentation of the 4^{th} Quarter 2024 Performance Report. Copies of the report are on file in the Pension Office.

- 15. OTHER: None
- 16. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- 17. ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None
- 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Kincannon at 9:39 a.m.

Chair

Date

NOTICE: The next Pension Board Meeting is on Thursday, March 13th, 2025