# NEW HAVEN CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF) TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 8:00 A.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Jerome Sagnella, Chairperson, Trustee

> Cathy Graves, Trustee Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, Trustee

Susan Whetstone, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Leanna Ambersley, Pension Administrator

Taylor Cannon, Payroll/Benefit Auditor

Fayan Robinson-Sims, Payroll/Benefit Auditor

Evonne Duzant, Worker's Compensation Coordinator

Carolyn Kone, Fund Counsel, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman Derek Ciampini, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant Wendy Coppola, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant

Joe Ebisa, With.Intellegiance

Gar-Chung, Fin-News

Ben Johnson, Fuller & Thaler

*Trustee Sagnella commenced the meeting at 8:09 a.m.* 

## **ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

## A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 VIRTUAL **MEETING**

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve the minutes.

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Graves **MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

#### **ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

#### A. RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Graves to accept the renewal insurance

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Pietrosimone

**MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

#### B. VOTE ON 2022 VALUATION REPORT

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Graves to accept the valuation report

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Pietrosimone

**MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

## ITEM 3: AGE ANNUITY/ RULE OF 80 /EARLY RETIREMENT – Information Only

#### A. Petrina Yoxall

Position: Supervisor Department: Public Safety

Date of Birth: 02/27/1953 BU: 3144

Participation Date: 07/17/1995 Retirement Date: 08/11/2020

# ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY

## A. Erik Ostrowski

Department: Animal Control Officer BU: 71

Participation date: 12/20/2021 Termination date: 10/09/2022

Withdrawal date: 02/14/2023

#### ITEM 5: DISABILITY RETIREMENT RE-EXAMINATIONS

The Pension Act covering the CERF vests the board the authority to re-examine members of the Fund retired on a disability retirement three (3) times over a five (5) year period from date of retirement. The Retirement Board requires that each member retired for a disability be reexamined by one of the Boards medical examiners.

## Jody Taylor: (1st re-exam)

Date of Employment: 04/26/2010 Date of Retirement: 02/04/2022

Position at Retirement: Caretaker

## Larry Cates: (1st re-exam)

Date of Employment: 09/23/1997 Date of Retirement: 11/19/2021

Position at Retirement: In House Suspension Worker

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Graves to move into executive session for Item 5 and to include Carolyn Kone, Evonne Duzant and Leanna Ambersley & Staff along with the Trustees.

**MOTION SECONDED**: By Trustee Pietrosimone

**MOTION CARRIED:** By unanimous vote

# Enter Executive Session at 8:13am Exit Executive Session at 8:16 am

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Graves to approve both re-exam disabilities

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Pietrosimone

**MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

# ITEM 6: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

- A. DAVID ALVAREZ (DATE OF DEATH: 01/16/2023)
- B. MARY PERRELLI (DATE OF DEATH: 11/01/2022)
- C. ANTHONY NOTARINO (DATE OF DEATH: 01/20/2023)
- D. LORETTA GIGLIETTI (DATE OF DEATH: 11/29/2022)

Trustee Sagnella asked for a moment of silence for those in Item 6

## **ITEM 7: PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: (See Attached Itemization)**

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve the payment of the bills.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Graves MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

## **ITEM 8: OLD BUSINESS:**

## **ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ITEM 10: INVESTMENT REPORTS:**

A. FULLER & THALER PRESENTS

### ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Graves to adjourn MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Pietrosimone MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

April 19, 2023 8:00 a.m.

# **ITEM 7: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

# A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: FEBRUARY 2023 #70689	\$6,000.00
Total Legal Expenses	\$6,000.00

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**ATTEST:** 

Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, CERF Trustee