

**NEW HAVEN CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF)  
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, 8:00 A.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Dial in Numbers:** US: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Jerome Sagnella, Chairperson, Trustee  
Cathy Graves, Trustee  
Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee  
Susan Whetstone, Trustee  
Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee  
Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, Trustee

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Leanna Ambersley, Pension Administrator  
Taylor Cannon, Payroll/Benefit Auditor  
Fayan Robinson-Sims, Payroll/Benefit Auditor  
Carolyn Kone, Fund Counsel, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman  
David Mendel, Hooker and Holcombe  
Richard Sych, Hooker and Holcombe

*Trustee Sagnella commenced the meeting at 8:02 a.m.*

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

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2023, VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Graves

**MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

**ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**A. HOOKER AND HOLCOMBE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

H&H has stated the terms would remain the same; there may be a slight increase due to inflation. The trustees have asked to acquire the new rates for the new contract and documentation regarding what the contract entails for services to be presented at the October meeting.

**B. BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD (Information Only)**

Trustee Sagnella has asked the Pension Staff to contact BFA to answer the following: over the past 3 years, the total \$ amount the fund has lost, how much has been recouped, and how much is in litigation.

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

**A. Larry Kelley**

Position: In House Suspension Worker

Department: BOE

Date of Birth: 05/22/1954

BU: 884

Participation Date: 08/27/1997

Retirement Date: 08/23/2023

**B. Deborah Dean**

Position: School Business Manager

Department: BOE

Date of Birth: 03/06/1955

BU: 3144

Participation Date: 04/10/2000

Retirement Date: 08/19/2023

**C. Jared Martin**

Position: Building Manager

Department: Custodians

Date of Birth: 10/20/1975

BU: 287

Participation Date: 05/29/1996

Retirement Date: 09/08/2023

**ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY**

**A. Marisol Natal**

Department: Town Clerk

BU: 884

Participation date: 10/26/2015

Termination date: 06/22/2023

Withdrawal date: 08/15/2023

**B. Jayquis Brock**

Department: Parks & Public Works

BU: 424

Participation date: 08/27/2018

Termination date: 07/03/2023

Withdrawal date: 08/17/2023

**C. Maher Hussein**

Department: Building

BU: 3144

Participation date: 08/31/2020

Termination date: 07/26/2023

Withdrawal date: 09/01/2023

**ITEM 5: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY**

**A. CARMEN DAURIA (DATE OF DEATH: 08/17/2023)**

*Trustee Sagnella asked for a moment of silence for those in Item 5*

**ITEM 6: 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 7: OLD BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Made by Trustee Graves to adjourn

**MOTION SECONDED:** by Trustee Pietrosimone

**MOTION CARRIED:** by unanimous vote

*The meeting adjourned at 8:20 A.M.*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**October 18, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.**

**ITEM 6: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

**A) LEGAL EXPENSES:**

<b>BRENNER, SALTZMAN &amp; WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: AUGUST 2023 #72056</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>Total Legal Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

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**ATTEST:**

  
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**Michael Gormany, Acting Controller, CERF Trustee**