

**NEW HAVEN CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF)
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024, 8:00 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Cathy Graves, Trustee
Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, Trustee
Susan Whetstone, Trustee
Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee
Jerome Sagnella, Chairperson, 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
Nancy Kulesa, Bleichmar Fonti & Auld
Robert Mignosa, CERF Employee
Damaris Rivera/ Fairview Capital
Kevin Balaod/ Journalist With.Intellegience

Trustee Graves commenced the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024,
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MOTION: Made by Trustee Whetstone to approve the minutes

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Pietrosimone

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD (Nancy Kulesa Presents)

B. RENEWAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to accept the renewal

DISCUSSION: Trustee Whetstone suggested that a procurement policy be in place

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Whetstone

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

C. COLA INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024 (Information only)

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

A. Phillip Rodriguez

Position: Equipment Operator II

Date of Birth: 08/06/1965

Participation Date: 11/01/1993

Department: Public Works

BU: 424

Retirement Date: 03/30/2024

B. Antoinette De Barros

Position: Building Manager

Date of Birth: 07/09/1976

Participation Date: 09/25/1996

Department: BOE

BU: 287

Retirement Date: 03/09/2024

C. Dawn Lewis

Position: Building Manager

Date of Birth: 06/11/1964

Participation Date: 03/31/1997

Department: Youth and Rec.

BU: 3144

Retirement Date: 12/20/2023

ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Tavaris Bellamy

Department: Public Works

Participation date: 04/23/2018

Withdrawal date: 02/22/2024

BU: 424

Resignation date: 01/29/2024

B. James Kopcik

Department: BOE

Participation date: 06/01/2016

Withdrawal date: 02/22/2024

BU: 3144

Resignation date: 01/12/2024

C. Nefetiria Williams

Department: Assessors

Participation date: 01/16/2024

Withdrawal date: 02/22/2024

BU: 884

Resignation date: 02/19/2024

D. Robert Holton

Department: Fire Service
Participation date: 07/24/2023
Withdrawal date: 03/12/2024

BU: 71
Resignation date: 01/30/2024

E. Lizaida Andujar

Department: Public Health
Participation date: 04/25/2022
Withdrawal date: 03/12/2024

BU: 884
Resignation date: 02/16/2024

ITEM 5: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

- A. PHILIP LUEDEE (DATE OF DEATH: 01/17/2024)
- B. DOLORES ESPOSITO (DATE OF DEATH: 01/31/2024)
- C. ALBERTA NORRIS (DATE OF DEATH: 03/02/2024)
- D. DANIEL T. SMITH (DATE OF DEATH: 03/15/2023)

ITEM 6: SURVIVOR DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

- A. ROSE CARRANO (DATE OF DEATH: 12/12/2024)
- B. RACHEL DEGENNARO (DATE OF DEATH: 03/03/2024)
- C. PHYLLIS MEDVEDOW (DATE OF DEATH: 03/09/2024)

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 Whetstone
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 8: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 A.M

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

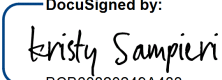
**April 17, 2024
8:00 a.m.**

ITEM 7: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: February 2024 #73430	\$6,000.00
Total Legal Expenses	\$6,000.00

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ATTEST:  April 17, 2024 | 11:15 AM EDT
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Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, CERF Trustee