

NEW HAVEN POLICEMEN'S & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND (P&F)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2024, 8:00 A.M.
HYBRID MEETING
MEETING ROOM 1&2

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mayor Justin Elicker, Fund President/Trustee (In-Person)
Evelise Ribeiro, Police Commissioner/Trustee
Patrick Cannon, Fire Union Rep/Trustee (In-Person)
Brian McDermott, Police Union Representative/Trustee (In-Person)
Barbara Vereen, Fire Commissioner/Trustee
Darrell Brooks, Police Commissioner/Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Leanna Ambersley, Pension Administrator
Taylor Cannon, Payroll/Benefit Auditor (In-Person)
Fayan Robinson-Sims, Payroll/Benefit Auditor
Andrew Crumbie, Fund Counsel, Crumbie Law Group
Moriah Gillis, Fund Counsel, Crumbie Law Group
Dave Moran, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant (In-person)
Derek Ciampini, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant
Patrick Luckhart, Raymond James, Fund Financial Consultant
Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller
Nancy Kulesa, Bleichmar, Fonti & Auld
James Kottage, Retiree
Florencio Cotto, NHPD Union President
Sean McGovern, active employee (In-person)
Samod Rankins, NHFD
James Kiely
Matt Lawrence
Daniel Del Prete
Michelle Chow-Yen
Gar Chung
Cyril Espanol
Damaris Rivera

Trustee Mayor Elicker convened the meeting at 8:02 A.M.

ITEM 1: INVESTMENT REPORT:

A. RAYMOND JAMES PRESENTS

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024 MEETING

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to approve minutes.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee McDermott

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 3: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD (Nancy Kulesa Presents)

**B. LEGAL OPINION ON NEW STATE BILL CALLED “PRESUMPTIVE
CANCER BILL” REGARDING FIREFIGHTERS**

*Attorney Crumie requests more time to draft a legal opinion to present at the April meeting.

ITEM 4: AGE ANNUITY RETIREMENT AND SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY:

These applicants are already receiving an age annuity retirement for which they qualified and did not require trustee review, discretion, or vote. They had also submitted service-connected disability applications which have been pending receipt of medical records from Yale Occupational. Service-Connected Disability and Non-Service-Connected Disability retirement applications require trustee review of medical records, discretion, deliberation, and vote.

Johnnie Cooper (Fire)

Hired: 11/18/1998

Retired: 02/06/2024

Years of service: 30.22 (includes a 5-year sick buyback)

Terrence Rountree (Fire)

Hired: 12/10/1997

Retired: 02/23/2023

Years of service: 30.18 (includes a 5-year sick buyback)

Reginald Blakey (Fire)

Hired: 10/13/2004

Retired: 02/02/2024

Years of service: 22.30 (includes a 3-year sick buyback)

MOTION: Made by Trustee Brooks to move into executive session for Item 4, and to include Pension Staff, Evonne Duzant, and legal counsel along with the Trustees.

MOTION SECONDED: By Trustee Cannon

MOTION CARRIED: By unanimous vote

Enter Executive Session at 8:28am

Exit Executive Session at 8:50am

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to approve Johnnie Cooper
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee McDermott
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to approve Reginald Blakey
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Brooks
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to table Terrance Rountree
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee McDermott
AYES: Trustee Cannon, Trustee McDermott, Trustee Ribeiro, Trustee Vereen
NAYES: Trustee Mayor Elicker, Trustee Brooks
MOTION CARRIED: by majority vote

ITEM 5: SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY:

These applicants do NOT qualify for an age annuity and had submitted service-connected disability applications which have been pending receipt of medical records from Yale Occupational. Service-Connected Disability and Non- Service-Connected Disability retirement applications require trustee review of medical records, discretion, deliberation, and vote.

Ronald Deline (Fire)
Hired: 10/05/2016
Years of service: 8

Retired: Pending

Jeffery Kozo (Fire)
Hired: 07/24/2019
Years of service: 5

Retired: Pending

Samod Rankins (Fire)
Hired: 02/28/2018
Years of service: 6

Retired: Pending

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to approve all three disabilities
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee McDermott
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 6: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

- A. STEPHEN DUNN (DATE OF DEATH: 02/09/2024)**
- B. JOHN BAILEY (DATE OF DEATH: 11/01/2023)**
- C. ANDREA PAPA (DATE OF DEATH: 03/10/2024)**
- D. WHITNEY EPPS (DATE OF DEATH: 02/12/2024)**

ITEM 7: SURVIVOR DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. JO-ANN LOBASZ (DATE OF DEATH: 01/19/2024)

B. MARIE CORSINI (DATE OF DEATH: 02/18/2024)

Trustee Mayor Elicker asked for a moment of silence for those in Item 6 & 7

ITEM 8: PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: (See Attached Itemization)

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

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Brooks

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 9: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Cannon to adjourn.

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Brooks

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 A.M

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

April 25, 2024

8:00 AM

ITEM 8: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

CRUMBIE LAW GROUP – LEGAL COUNSEL MONTHLY FEE - #30911	\$4,166.67
Total Legal Expenses	\$4,166.67

B). INVESTMENT EXPENSES:

ARISTOTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT 01/01/2024 – 03/31/2024	\$21,686.52
Total Investment Expenses	\$21,686.52
Total Expenses	\$25,853.19

ATTEST:

Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, P&F Fund Secretary