

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

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TRUSTEES PRESENT: Cathy Graves, Trustee
Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, Trustee
Mark Pietrosimone, Trustee
Justin Elicker, Mayor, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Jerome Sagnella, Chairperson, Trustee
Susan Whetstone, 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
Evonne Duzant Workers Comp
Damaris Rivera
Cyril Espanol

Trustee Graves commenced the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 15, 2024, VIRTUAL MEETING

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve the minutes

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Dr. Sampieri

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. OUTSIDE EARNINGS UPDATE

Re: Incomplete applications (Information Only)

B. DISCUSSION ON OUTSIDE EARNINGS CAP FOR CERF DISABILITY RECIPIENTS

Trustees decided to continue this item until the next meeting and have Carolyn Kone draft a memo to OLR to be viewed at the next meeting.

C. UPDATE ON RFP FOR MEDICAL CONSULTANT

D. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CERF POLICIES - INVESTMENT POLICY, BYLAWS, AND CODE OF CONDUCT, ETC. (TABLED)

E. CERF'S PROCUREMENT POLICY (TABLED)

F. REVIEW & VOTE ON 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve with the one adjustment made by legal counsel

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Mayor Elicker

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

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

A. Christopher Torre

Position: 911 Operator

Department: Public Safety

Date of Birth: 02/21/1973

BU: 884

Participation Date: 05/01/1998

Retirement Date: 08/11/2020

ITEM 4: CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWALS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Renee Beamon

Department: 911 Dispatcher

BU: 884

Participation date: 07/12/2021

Resignation date: 05/15/2024

Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

B. Myashia Gamble

Department: 911 Dispatcher

BU: 884

Participation date: 10/02/2023

Resignation date: 05/15/2024

Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

C. Dana Hutchinson

Department: 911 Dispatcher

BU: 884

Participation date: 05/08/2018

Resignation date: 05/15/2024

Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

D. Paige Savage

Department: Police Records Clerk

BU: 884

Participation date: 01/19/2021

Resignation date: 05/15/2024

Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

E. Darnesha Austin-Taylor

Department: Police Records Clerk
Participation date: 10/02/2023
Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

BU: 884
Resignation date: 05/18/2024

F. Amy Pagani

Department: Admin Asst.
Participation date: 03/06/2023
Withdrawal date: 06/11/2024

BU: 884
Resignation date: 06/06/2024

G. Ewurama Hayford

Department: BOE Nurse
Participation date: 08/24/2005
Withdrawal date: 06/11/2024

BU: 884
Resignation date: 08/03/2008

H. Shirley Dixon

Department: BOA
Participation date: 02/23/1987
Withdrawal date: 05/28/2024

BU: 3144
Resignation date: 05/01/2024

ITEM 5: SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RECONSIDERATION:

The applicant has submitted in writing a request to rescind the service-connected disability pension and remain solely on a normal retirement. Yale Occupational has re-examined the applicant and submitted an updated report.

A. Ambritt Myers

Department: Public Health

Retirement Date: 12/30/2016

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mayor Elicker to move into Executive Session for Item 5 and to include Carolyn Kone, and Pension Staff along with the Trustees.

MOTION SECONDED: By Trustee Pietrosimone

MOTION CARRIED: By unanimous vote

Enter Executive Session at 8:05am

Exit Executive Session at 8:17 am

MOTION: Made by Trustee Mayor Elicker to rescind disability pension

MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Pietrosimone

MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 6: DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. NANCY SMITH (DATE OF DEATH: 03/07/2024)

B. THOMAS NGUYEN (DATE OF DEATH: 04/17/2024)

ITEM 7: SURVIVOR DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT – INFORMATION ONLY

A. PAUL MCCOY (DATE OF DEATH: 05/14/2024)

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

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to approve payment of the bills.
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Mayor Elicker
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

ITEM 9: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Pietrosimone to adjourn
MOTION SECONDED: by Trustee Dr. Sampieri
MOTION CARRIED: by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 A.M

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024
8:00 a.m.**

ITEM 8: ITEMIZED BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A) LEGAL EXPENSES:

BRENNER, SALTZMAN & WALLMAN LLP- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: May 2024 #74070	\$6,000.00
Total Legal Expenses	\$6,000.00

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ATTEST:  July 17, 2024 | 11:32 AM EDT
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Dr. Kristy Sampieri, Controller, CERF Trustee