

OPEB BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes
November 20, 2014
8:00 AM
Republican Caucus Room, 4th FLOOR
GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT

OPEB Board of Trustees Members in Attendance:

David R. Martin	Mayor
Clemon Williams	Director of Human Resources
David Yanik	Controller
Geoff Alswanger	President, Board of Education
Hugh Murphy	Finance Director, Stamford Public Schools
Mary Lou Rinaldi	Board of Finance Appointee
Sal Gabriele	Board of Finance Appointee

A meeting of the OPEB Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Martin, Acting Chairman, at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Handler, Mr. Hricay, and Ms. Fedeli were available on the phone but, since a quorum was not physically present, Mayor Martin stated that this would be an informational meeting and the Board would take no action. Since the meeting was recorded a full record will be available to attendees of the next meeting.

The following materials were distributed in advance: meeting agenda, July 24, 2014 and October 2, 2014 minutes, proposed 2015 meeting dates, Third Quarter OPEB Trust Executive Summary, detail and summary F2014 Report of Bills Paid, detail and summary F2015 Q1 Report of Bills Paid, and draft F2014 Financial Report.

Approval of Minutes – For lack of a quorum, approval of minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

Report on Investments of the OPEB Trust Funds – Mark Wetzel of Fiduciary Investment Advisors, LLC (FIA) reported on OPEB Trust fund investments through September 30th and answered Board members questions. Third quarter economic review: the GDP was strong in the second quarter at 4.6% and seems to be moving forward, the U.S. job market did well; the unemployment rate fell to 5.9%, the lowest since 2008, despite controversy regarding the types of jobs added. Equity markets posted mixed results. The U.S. dollar was strong for the quarter and the year. The S&P Index was up 1.1% for the quarter. International markets were all negative because of the strength of the dollar. Fixed income was slightly positive for the quarter.

OPEB Plan investments were approximately \$53 million at the end of the quarter. Allocations are fairly close to the targets. The plan is at approximately 35% in a variety of fixed income investments, 28.7% in domestic equities, 20.1% in developed international equities, 9.3% in emerging markets, and the rest in commodities and alternatives. The portfolio is down 2.1% for the quarter versus the 1.5% benchmark and up 7.8% for one year versus the benchmark of 7.3%.

The Board also discussed the short-term fund; its balance was approximately \$7.8 million as of September 30, 2014.

RFP for Financial Manager – Update by Clemon Williams

The committee met and narrowed down the applicants to two possibilities: FIA and Morgan Stanley. Mr. Williams is in the process of gathering their references and information on fees for the committee which will meet again soon. The Board had questions and made comments that will be relayed to the committee.

Financial Reports & Report of Bills Paid – David Yanik

Mr. Yanik reminded the Board that approval of the 4th quarter of F2014 report was held until it could be finalized through the audit. This report, and the F2015 Q1 Financial Report, will be presented for approval at the next meeting as well as a request for a clear policy on the maximum amount of bills that may be paid without the prior approval of the Board. This will vary according to the type of expense. The Board discussed the draft OPEB financials and timing of the next investment.

2015 Meeting Dates

Proposed Meeting dates for 2015: February 19, 2015, May 21, 2015, July 16, 2015, and November 19, 2015 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Williams distributed a flyer describing services provided by PARS (Public Agency Retirement Services) for the Board's edification.

Mr. Alswanger announced that this would be his last meeting. Board members expressed appreciation for his service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD