

STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



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City of Stamford, Connecticut

FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting purpose: Special Meeting

January 28, 2019

A special meeting of the Stamford Firefighters Pension Fund was held on Monday January 28, 2019 at 1200 at Stamford Fire Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were: Trustee Chairman Robert Berlingo, Trustee Mr. James Foutain, Trustee Mr. Richard Freedman, Trustee Firefighter Gerald Kutz and Trustee Deputy Chief Matthew Palmer. Absent: No one. Guests: Fund Attorney Lori Underberger

Meeting called to order at 1210.

Public Comment

No public comment

Introduction

Chairman Berlingo introduced Lori Underberger (fund council) and the new trustees from the union: Gerald Kutz and Matthew Palmer.

Trustee Resolution from the Union

First order of business was to read a resolution submitted replacing Trustee Keatley and Trustee Anderson with Trustee Kutz and Trustee Palmer. See attached.

New trustees were appointed at 1210.

QDRO's

Lori Underberger, Pension Trust Attorney from Reid and Riege was present to assist with Draft Trust Agreement and QDRO's

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Fountain and seconded by Trustee Freedman at 1215 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 2 QDRO's. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Board entered Executive Session at 1215 for the purpose of discussing 2 QDRO's.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Fountain and seconded by Trustee Freedman at 1325 to leave Executive Session. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

A **MOTION** was mad by Trustee Fountain and seconded by Trustee Palmer at 1326 to pass the following resolution. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Resolution:

Execute the Michael Zyara QDRO. Begin effective November 1, 2018 retroactively for a 50% division for Michael Zyara and Barbara Zyara. Beginning March 1, 2019 the pension will pay Michael Zyara 30% and Barbara Zyara 70% for the next 10 months ending December 31, 2019 to pay the retroactive benefits to Barbara Zyara. Beginning January 1, 2020, the division will be 50% to each party.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Kutz and seconded by Trustee Palmer at 1328 to pass the following resolution. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Resolution:

Send Attorney Underberger will send Attorney Hundsberger a letter stating that without a QDRO the Pension Board cannot act.

Draft Trust Agreement

Hard copy of Draft Amended Trust Agreement was passed out to Trustee's Kutz and Palmer.

The board discussed briefly and then decided to delay discussion to a future meeting to give Trustee's Kutz and Palmer an ability to review the document.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Kutz and seconded by Trustee Berlingo at 1400 to adjourn the meeting. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.