



## Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Elections Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 17, 2020

2:00 PM

#### **Teleconference:**

Conference Number: (234) 203-2766

Participant Code: 443-997-425

#### I. Call to Order

At 2:00 PM Chairman George Schick called the meeting order and asked Director Atwood to take the roll.

#### II. Taking of the Roll

Director Atwood took the roll. Members Bramwell, Nichting and Schick were present via teleconference. Director Atwood advised the Chair that a quorum was present.

After taking the roll Director Atwood asked the Chairperson Schick if he could address the Committee, the Chairperson recognized the Director.

Director stated that the original posting notice for this meeting and errantly listed the meeting time as 10:00 AM. He stated that upon consultation with external counsel, the posting notice was corrected to list the starting time as 2:00 PM. However, the revision was only after the 48-hour deadline contained in the Open Meetings Act. It was therefore suggested that matters only be discussed, and not acted upon.

The Chairperson agreed, and there was no objection from the Committee

#### III. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 3, 2020
- b. April 8, 2020

Given the Director's comments, Chairperson Schick tabled the approval of minutes until the next meeting.



- IV. Update/Discussion on Election Operations
- V. Update/Discussion on Election Rules Making
- VI. Timing and Scheduling

In order to address Items III.-V, above, the Chairperson recognized Mr. Zahn who then presented his memorandum to the Committee regarding Action Items for the Administration of Trustee Elections. The memo addressed numerous items that would need Committee and Board action in order to prudently conduct an election later this year.

Mr. Zahn's presentation lead to discussion amongst the Committee Members and staff. Among the issues raised was by Trustee Bramwell, who stated his opinion that Statements of Candidacy should be submitted prior to the circulation of petitions by a potential candidate. Trustee Nichting raised a question regarding how to address the possibility of an individual signing the petition for an active duty firefighter candidate, but then subsequently retiring before the election, or of that individual signing a petition for an active duty candidate as well as a retiree candidate. Chairperson Schick asked what the Committee's thoughts might be in the instance of an active duty firefighter being laid off, or in the event of an active duty firefighter's employment being terminated for cause or for wrong doing, in the same context as an elected official being removed from office.

The Committee continued an informed discussion.

At the conclusion of discussion Director Atwood was recognized to discuss the process of formalized rulemaking. The Director stated that statute directed the FPIF to adopt rules necessary for the election of a permanent board of trustees. He had consulted with the FPIF's external counsel, Mayer Brown, who had specific suggestions. It was advised that the Chairperson of the Committee state for the record at the upcoming Board meeting that the Elections Committee would be drafting rules for the Board's consideration, and that that members of the public could submit comments to the Board regarding these rules to the Board's email address, [Information@ifpif.org](mailto:Information@ifpif.org). It was advised that similar notification be posted on the FPIF website. The Committee would discuss proposed rules at its next meeting, Friday May 8, 2020. At the May 8 meeting draft rules prepared by the staff and outside counsel would be discussed by the Committee and changes suggested. At the following meeting of the Elections Committee, date and time TBD but prior to the next Board meeting, the Committee would vote on the draft rules. Assuming the Committee approves, the draft will then be forwarded to the Board for its consideration.

- VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

- VIII. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for Friday, May 8, at 10:00 AM

- IX.. Public Comment

There was no public comment



X. Adjournment

Trustee Bramwell moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Nichting seconded; the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.