



Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Elections Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 8, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Teleconference:

Conference Number 1 (234) 203-2766

Participant Code: 443-997-425

I. Call to Order

Chairman Schick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Taking of the Roll

Robina Amato from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP took the roll. Chairman Schick, Trustee Nichting and Trustee Bramwell were present; there were no absences.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the April 3, 2020, April 8, 2020 and April 17, 2020 Elections Committee meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Bramwell and seconded by Trustee Nichting to approve the aforementioned meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Review of Draft Election Rules

Steve Zahn reviewed in detail the draft 2020 Trustee Elections Rules prepared by himself in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Code and reviewed by Mayer Brown and Director Atwood.

The Committee discussed amendments to rules regarding deferred beneficiaries' eligibility to participate in voting and candidacy, electronic petitions and signatures, third party election materials and the overall election panel.

The Committee authorized Director Atwood and Steve Zahn to solicit proposals from a variety of firms to produce and maintain electronic signatures for consideration by the committee. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

The Committee requested striking the section regarding third party election materials and to include language to structure the five-member election panel as follows: two municipal representatives to be appointed, two active members and one retired member. The aforementioned positions will be filled by any current members of the Board that are not running for a position on the permanent Board; if all current members have the intention to run for the permanent Board then the election panel positions would be appointed by First Chairman Sullivan and Vice Chairman Cole.



V. **Discussion on Election Plan**

Steve Zahn presented the draft 2020 Trustee Elections Schedule to be published to the FPIF Website and distributed in candidate packets and reviewed the election timeline with the Committee.

The Committee requested an updated draft of the Election Rules and Elections Schedule be provided to the Committee for review before presenting to the Firefighters' Investment Pension Fund Board of Trustees at the June 1, 2020 meeting.

VI. **Discussion on Candidate Packets**

Steve Zahn reviewed in the candidate packet materials to include cover letters from the Director outlining the Trustee responsibilities, by laws and sections of state statute including Article 1 and Article 22 c, the elections schedule and the overall election rules.

The Committee requested notification of receipt be made available and required by all candidates to ensure relevant instructions and information have reached all candidates from the Board of Trustees.

VII. **Discussion on Election Voter File Vendor**

Steve Zahn presented the request for information form created and published to the FPIF website to obtain proposals for a voter file vendor. The request for information has also been sent directly to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, Sikich and Foster and Foster with a May 15, 2020 due date for response. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

VIII. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

IX. **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

Director Atwood recommended the next meeting dates as May 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and May 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with no objection

X. **Public Comment**

Chairman Schick presented a public comment previously received via email inquiring about any cost possibly associated with generating a database for the purpose of the total voter file. Director Atwood confirmed there will be no cost deferred to the local Article 4 pension boards for the collection of data.

Chairman Schick presented another public comment regarding the current FPIF website and the information being available to contact the Board of Trustees.

Director Atwood presented the following email received from IPFA Executive Director Greg Knoll:



DIRECTOR ATWOOD

I offer the following 2018 IDOI Public Pension data concerning participants in the Article 4 funds.

ACTIVE: 9,231
RETIRED 5,436
DISABLED 1,409
WIDOWS 1,443
CHILDREN 331

DEFERRED PENSIONERS - 348

DEPENDENT PARENTS - 0

HANIDCAPPED CHILDREN 13

For the Committee's consideration:

- 1. How will the over 100 Fire Protection Districts that employ Article 4 firefighters participate in the employer representative elections.*
- 2. Can I suggest IFPIF check with Public Pension as their annual report shows a field for SSN in participant data. If that data is collected, it has been redacted from the reports displayed on their FOIA portal.*

Director Atwood recommended he will respond directly in writing to this public comment and all future public comments containing questions with the Committee members copied on the responses. There was no objection from the Committee.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bramwell and seconded by Trustee Schick to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.