

## Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Board of Trustees

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.

#### Videoconference:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454168180?pwd=NXc4VUZPR0YvczE3NIRLWVBNMjRhZz09

Meeting ID: <u>874 5416 8180</u> Password: 380307

### **Audio Only:**

Dial In: <u>1 (312) 626 6799</u> Meeting ID: <u>847 5416 8180</u>

#### **In-Person Meeting Location**

1919 S. Highland Avenue Building A, Suite 237 Lombard, IL 60148

## I. Call to Order

Chairperson Cole called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

At the request of Chairperson Cole, Heather Weiner from Mayer Brown took the roll of Trustees in attendance. Trustees Kevin Bramwell, Tom Dailly, Matthew Kink, Jason Skilondz, Greg Knoll, Herb Roach (via videoconference), Douglas Krieger, Vice Chair Chuck Sullivan and Chairperson Brad Cole were present.

Also present: Executive Director William Atwood, COO Steve Zahn, CFO David Zaloga, Portfolio Officer Mitchell Green and Member Services Officer Robina Amato, FPIF Staff; Mitch Holzrichter, Mayer Brown; Doug Oest and Mike Piotrowski, Marquette Associates, Alli Stone, Jess Downer, Reggie Ross and John Haggerty, Meketa Investments

### III. Consideration of Remote Participation by a Trustee

Chairperson Cole reviewed the Open Meetings Act and rules adopted by the Board of Trustees. Due to obligations related to Trustee Roach's position as Mayor of the City of O'Fallon, he is unable to attend the meeting in person. A motion was made by Trustee Bramwell and seconded by Trustee Skilondz to approve Trustee Roach's participation in today's Board meeting as stated. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan and

Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Roach

### **IV.** Public Comment

There was no public comment.

# V. Action on May 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the May 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Dailly and seconded by Krieger to approve the May 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

# VI. Report of the Chair

Chairperson Cole provided details for the upcoming conference held by the Illinois Municipal League and the participation by Director Atwood and Director White from IPOPIF. Chairperson Cole also noted part of today's meeting will be an education presentation on Private Markets while a special meeting has been scheduled on October 20, 2023 for the purpose of deliberating over private markets.

# VII. Report of the Executive Director

Director Atwood presented cost savings since the consolidation of investment assets for a selection of article 4 funds of varying asset sizes and answered all questions.

#### VIII. Report of the Audit and Compliance Committee

Trustee Dailly informed the Board the Audit and Compliance Committee met on August 2, 2023 to considered the April and May 2023 financial statements, revisions to the FY23 and FY24 budgets, a recommendation regarding the Lake Villa FPD Firefighters' Pension Fund actuarial valuation, revision to the FPIF actuarial template, a corporate credit card policy and receive an update on the Article 4 audit process. A motion was made by Trustee Knoll and seconded by Trustee Dailly to accept the report of the Audit and Compliance Committee as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Consideration of FPIF Financial Statements – The Board reviewed the April 2023 and May 2023 financial statements as presented in the Board materials. A motion was made by Bramwell and seconded by Vice Chair Sullivan to approve the financial statements as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

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Resolution 2023-10 – Revisions to the FY 23 Budget – The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-10 – Revisions to the FY 23 Budget and the corresponding memorandum detailing line item transfers within professional services and operations. A motion was made by Trustee Skilondz and seconded by Dailly to adopt Resolution 2023-10 as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Resolution 2023-11 – Revisions to the FY 24 Budget - The reviewed Resolution 2023-11 – Revisions to the FY 24 Budget and the corresponding memo detailing adjustments to the benefits and payroll taxes, legal, insurance, subscriptions, interest expense and expected costs throughout the fiscal year. A motion was made by Trustee Kink and seconded by Trustee Bramwell to adopt Resolution 2023-11 as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Resolution 2023-12 – Revisions to the FPIF Actuarial Template – The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-12 for revisions to the current FPIF template to now disclose a Low Default Risk Obligation Measure as required. A motion was made by Trustee Knoll and seconded by Vice Chair Sullivan to adopt Resolution 2023-12 as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Resolution 2023-13 – Credit Card Policy – The Board reviewed Resolution – 2023-13 – Credit Card Policy and the corresponding policy details provided by FPIF staff. A motion was made by Trustee Skilondz and seconded by Trustee Kink to adopt Resolution 2023-13 as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## IX. Report of the Investments and Operations Committee

Trustee Roach informed the Board the Investments and Operations Committee August 2, 2023 to consider prior meeting minutes, a military service purchase policy, review performance reporting and hear a presentation from Meketa on private markets. A motion was made by Trustee Krieger and seconded by Trustee Dailly to accept the report of the Investments and Operations Committee as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Resolution 2023-14 – Purchase of Military Service Policy – The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-14 Purchase of Military Service Policy and the IMRF suggested form of resolution. This policy would amend section 4 of the FPIF Personnel Policy allowing employees the option to purchase IMRF service credit for

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time serve in the armed forces of the United States prior to their employment with FPIF. A motion was made by Trustee Bramwell and seconded by Vice Chair Sullivan to adopt the resolution as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Resolution 2023-15 – IMRF Purchase of Military Service – The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-15 – IMRF Purchase of Military Service for an FPIF employee. A motion was made by Vice Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Krieger to adopt the resolution as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Chairperson Cole noted the Investments and Operations Committee will be considering a travel policy to be considered at a future Board meeting.

# X. Report of the Legislative Committee

Vice Chair Sullivan informed the Board the Legislative Committee previously met on May 26, 2023. Since the previous meeting, Public Act 103-552 has been signed into law and updates statutory provisions related to the administration of FPIF and FPIF elections. The Election Committee is currently scheduled to meet on November 1, 2023 to discover amendments to the FPIF election rules as a result of these statutory changes. A motion was made by Trustee Dailly and seconded by Trustee Kink to accept the legislative committee report as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

# XI. Action on 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board considered the 2024 Board meeting dates as follows: February 2, 2024; May 10, 2024; August 2, 2024; October 11, 2024 and December 20, 2024 located at 1919 S. Highland Avenue Suite 237A Lombard, IL 60148. A motion was made by Trustee Knoll and seconded by Trustee Bramwell to approve the 2024 Board meeting dates as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

### XII. Investment Report

*Portfolio Officer* - Mitchell Green reviewed quarterly performance and provided a macroeconomic update including unemployment, fed funds rates, inflation and consumer sentiment. Mitchell Green also provided an update on current staff projects and the private markets RFP.

General Investment Consultant – Mr. Oest provided brief market commentary and presented the December 31, 2022 monthly performance report to the Board. As of June 30, 2023, the FPIF's assets were invested in: 28% fixed income, 66% equities, and 4.5% real estate. The total market value as of June 30, 2023 was \$7,923,831,641 with a three-month return of 3.6% versus the policy benchmark of 3.5%.

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Portfolio Performance – Director Atwood and Mitchell Green presented a memorandum evaluating FPIF's investment performance relative to FPIF's benchmark, benchmarks for Article 4 funds and benchmarks for more aggressive and less aggressive portfolios. In summary, FPIF has outperformed every benchmark since the Fund's inception. Chairperson Cole suggested a one-page informational graphic be prepared to share these same results on FPIF's website.

### XIII. Presentation on Private Markets, Private Markets Consultant

Meketa presented educational material on alternative investment concepts to the Board. The presentation covered FPIF's current long term allocation, allocation policy, common characteristics of alternatives, commitment pacing, private equity, private credit, real estate and infrastructure. Meketa answered all questions.

### XIV. New Business

Attorney Holzrichter reported the anticipated filing date for the litigation regarding consolidation is September 13, 2023 and early arguments would follow in November but are yet to be scheduled. Further updates will be provided to the Board as they become available.

## XV. Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Kink and seconded by Trustee Skilondz to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and ILCS 120/2(c)(21) at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Kink and seconded by Trustee Skilondz to reconvene open session at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Attorney Holzrichter noted the Board reviewed and voted to approve and release to the public the December 16, 2022 closed session meeting minutes; the Board reviewed to approve but keep confidential the May 26, 2023 closed session meeting minutes and verbatim recording, and finally the Board reviewed and voted to destroy the verbatim recordings for the April 16, 2021, June 18, 2021, August 20, 2021 and October 15, 2021 closed session meetings for which minutes have previously been approved and released to the Public.

### **XVI.** Other Business

Chairperson Cole noted the next meeting of the FPIF Board of Trustees will be held on October 20, 2023.

## XVII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Kink to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bramwell, Dailly, Kink, Knoll, Krieger, Roach, Skilondz, Vice Chair Sullivan

and Chairperson Cole

NAYS: None ABSENT: None