

BRISTOL COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD

At a meeting of the Bristol County Retirement Board held on the 27th day of February, 2019 at the Bristol County Retirement Board Office, 645 County Street, Taunton, Massachusetts at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Christopher T. Saunders, Chairman of the Board
Stephen J. Rivard, Board Member
William M. Downey, Board Member
John T. Saunders, Board Member
Christine N. DeFontes, Board Member
Roxanne L. Donovan, Executive Director

KEVIN DUMAS

Town of Mansfield-Town Manager
Discussion on Appropriations

Mr. Dumas asked questions regarding the appropriation process. Chairman Saunders explained the process and the Board's commitment to attaining fully funded status. Mr. Dumas asked to be informed of the appropriation discussion. Executive Director will send agendas to Mr. Dumas going forward.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

Segal Marco Advisors Financial Consultants

In attendance: Marc Procek and Kevin Roundtree

1. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the investment transactions that were executed by Income Research and Management, Inc. (Fixed Income) and Arrowstreet Capital, Earnest Partners, LSV, RiceHallJames, Trust & Fiduciary Services, Lyrical Partners (Equities), and CBRE Clarion (Real Estate) for the month ending January 2019.
2. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve all other investment transactions executed in-house thus far for February 2019.
3. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member John Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Investment Summary Statement for months ending December 2018 and January 2019 as reported to the BCRB by our custodial bank (People's United); and a year-to-date performance.
4. Cash flow needs for the March were discussed. The \$3 million from IRM was not needed for February, so that will be called in March. In addition, \$2 million each from Stone Harbor and Ashmore should be called for March cash needs. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of Mr. Procek.
5. Mr. Procek reviewed the performance. For year ending December 2018, the returns will be approximately negative 4%. The market has returned strong in January and February making up the losses.
6. The BCRB discussed the candidates for Investment Consultant that were interviewed at the January Board Meeting. After reviewing the information and discussion, on a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Defontes, the BCRB voted unanimously to retain Segal Marco Advisors for a period not to exceed 7 years.

MANAGER REVIEWS:

ARROWSTREET INTERNATIONAL

Presenters: Tony Troilo- Client Relationship Manager and Anne Luisi – Manager, Portfolio Management

Arrowstreet provided the Board with the presentation booklets at the meeting. Mr. Troilo updated the Board on the firm's investment team, which has remained unchanged. He also updated on the firm's assets under management and the strategy. Arrowstreet's investment philosophy is adding value by identifying investment signals that are relevant to prices and less obvious to investors. Ms. Luisi discussed performance, attributes and positioning of the separate account, as that is the account that was in place for almost all of 2018. In mid-December, the account was converted to a pooled account. Performance for the 1 Year was -4.4% thus far through November 30, 2018, versus the benchmark at -8.1%. They reviewed the country weightings and sector weightings and discussed how the overweight and underweights impacted their performance. Ms. Luisi explained that their investment philosophy is adding value by identifying investment signals that are relevant to price and less obvious to investors.

INTERCONTINENTAL

Conference Call: Matthew Harrington, Director, Institutional Services

Presentation booklets were sent prior to the meeting. Mr. Harrington reviewed the fund summary and the firm's strategy which is a multi-disciplinary investment strategy targeting an average annual income return in excess of 5% and a total return in excess of 10%. The BCRB invested with Intercontinental in January 2017 in the amount of \$25,000,000. The net asset value as of December 31, 2018 is \$29,301,930. The net return since inception is 8.59% versus the index of 7.11%. The 2018 return is 9.2% versus the index of 7.36%. Mr. Harrington reviewed the diversification of the portfolio and reviewed the portfolio highlights and recent acquisitions.

EARNEST PARTNERS

Conference Call: Aaron Kirchoff, Product Management

Presentation booklets were sent prior to the meeting. Mr. Kirchoff addressed the U.S. small cap equity market feel dramatically in the fourth quarter. The portfolio lagged the index as they are underweight in the defensive sectors that performed well. The 2018 return is -13.39% versus -12.86% for the index. Mr. Kirchoff reviewed the investment process. Since inception, the return has been 12.58%. Sector weights were reviewed as well as the investment process. Historic performance measurement, sector weightings and asset growth were presented.

OLD BUSINESS – LEGAL

1.

SCOTT GAUCHER
TOWN OF SEEKONK-POLICE OFFICER
Accidental Disability Retirement Hearing
Attorney Leigh Panettiere

The BCRB reviewed the Regional Medical Panel certificates in which the all three physicians have answered yes to all three questions relative to Mr. Gaucher's disability and a letter from Atty. Michael Sacco relative to those findings. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously by Roll Call vote (Rivard-aye, Downey-aye, John Saunders-aye, DeFontes-aye and Chairman Saunders-aye) to approve the accidental disability retirement of Mr. Gaucher, subject to PERAC approval.

NEW BUSINESS – REGULAR

1. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the first payment to newly retired members of the Bristol County Retirement System for the month of February 2019:

Thomas E Nicholson	Town of Easton	January 26, 2019
Barbara L Aiello	Town of Mansfield	January 2, 2019
Bonnie S Beauregard	Town of Mansfield	January 1, 2019
Patricia O Sochin	Town of Seekonk	January 3, 2019
Patricia M Fortuna	Town of Somerset Somerset Berkley	January 26, 2019
Carol A Borden	Town of Westport	January 1, 2019
Daniel F Ledoux	Town of Westport	January 13, 2019
Evelyn Rosa	Sheriff's Department (Inactive since 2004)	January 9, 2019
Janice L Young	Town of Dartmouth	January 2, 2019
Michael Normann	Town of Easton (Sec. 12(2)(d))	January 2, 2019
Linda J. Kincaid	Town of Mansfield	January 3, 2019

2. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the make-up payments for the purchase of previous creditable service regarding the following members of the retirement system for the month of February 2019.

Patricia Carreiro	Town of Somerset	0 Years 9 Months Pro-rated Service
John Farias	Town of Raynham	1 Year 11 Months Refunded Service
Jill Perkins	Freetown-Lakeville	1 Year 2 Months Pro-rated Service
Adam Hebert	Town of Acushnet	1 Year 0 Months Reserve Police
Adam Hebert	Town of Acushnet	3 Years 6 Months Pro-rated Service
Wendy Ashworth	Town of Acushnet	5 Years 0 Months Call-Fire

3. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Bristol County Retirement System fund budget sheet for period ending February 2019.

4. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Trial Balance of the Bristol County Retirement System for the month ending November 2018.

5. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file a memorandum (#7-2019) from John Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 22, 2019, to the BCRB regarding Buyback and Make-up Repayment Worksheets (Annual Memo).

6. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file a memorandum (#8-2019) from John Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 22, 2019, to the BCRB regarding 2019 Interest Rate set at 0.1%. (Annual Memo).

7. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file a memorandum (#9-2019) from John Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 24, 2019, to the BCRB regarding Accounting Changes.

8. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file a memorandum (#10-2019) from John Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 24, 2019, to the BCRB regarding Administrative Reminders.

9. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file a memorandum (#11-2019) from John Parsons, Executive Director of PERAC, dated February 8, 2019, to the BCRB regarding Workers' Compensation Data Match in PROSPER.

10.

LAURI B BAPTISTE, Town of Mansfield
Date of Death: January 24, 2019

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the application for member/survivor benefits pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 32, Sec. 12(2)(d) filed by Raymond Baptiste, husband of the late Lauri Baptiste.

11. The BCRB reviewed the RFP Responses for Securities Litigation. Eleven firms submitted proposals. All firms met the minimum criteria and were all considered Highly Advantageous. After discussion, on a motion by Member Downey and second by Member Rivard, the BCRB voted unanimously to interview:

Bleichmar, Fonti & Auld, LLP
Chimicles & Tikellis LLP
Labaton Sucharow
Saxena White

12. On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member Rivard, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for the following month:
January 23, 2019

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member John Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to adjourn their regular meeting at 11:20 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the Bristol County Retirement Board voted by roll call vote (Rivard-aye, Downey-aye, J. Saunders-aye, DeFontes-aye and C. Saunders-aye) to go into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m., in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21. Chairman Saunders indicated that the Board would not resume in open session.

The next regular meeting of the Bristol County Retirement Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Bristol County Retirement Board

SIGNATORIES:

Prepared by: _____
Roxanne L. Donovan

Christopher T. Saunders, Chairman of the Board

Stephen J. Rivard, Board Member

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