

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Minutes - Draft**

March 25, 2021

9:00 AM

City Hall Auditorium, 200 E University Ave. Gainesville, FL

## **Pension Review Committee**

*Jonathan Visscher (Chairperson)*

*Harvey Lewis (Member)*

*David Rader (Member)*

*Matthew Barker (Member)*

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## MEETING DETAILS

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jon Visscher, Harvey Lewis, David Rader, Matthew Barker

Staff Present: William Johnston, Investment Officer; Cintya Ramos, Finance Director; Mark Benton, GRU Rates & Investment Director

Others Present: Brendon Vavrica, AndCo Consulting; Greg Pittenger, Principal Global Investors; Meigan Phillips, Principal Global Investors

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### [200966.](#)

#### Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021 (B)

RECOMMENDATION

*The Pension Review Committee review the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Approved as Recommended

### PRESENTATIONS

#### [200967.](#)

#### Presentation by Principal (B)

RECOMMENDATION

*The Pension Review Committee hear a presentation by Principal covering the Plan's investment in their US Property real estate fund, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Discussed

#### [200968.](#)

#### Presentation by AndCo (B)

Brendon Vavrica from AndCo gave an economic & market update, and reviewed Plan investment performance. He noted that the portfolio was currently underweight real estate and fixed income allocations, and that was benefiting investment returns. Large Cap Equity managers TWIN and Brown continued near term under performance was discussed, and AndCo was reviewing some potential alternatives, but no action was taken. The equity markets continued to see a performance rotation from growth equity to value equity. Brendon also discussed the potential for higher inflation and interest rates. Several infrastructure focused investment managers researched by AndCO were

also discussed. The PRC determined to continue evaluating the strategy, but no action was taken. A request was made for feedback from existing investment managers on their infrastructure exposure, as well as their exposure to rising inflation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The PRC hear a presentation by AndCo investment consultant Brendon Vavrica covering economic & market conditions, Plan investment performance and asset allocation recommendations, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

**Discussed**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **200969.**

#### **PRC Applicant Review and Recommendation (B)**

Chairperson Visscher discussed recently being made aware of the City's intent to more strictly follow PRC Resolution R-83-38 language related to PRC Applicant experience requirements, and the Applicant review & Board recommendation process.

The 1983 Resolution states that "Applicants for the PRC shall have had successful investment experience and proven substantial advisory experience. The preliminary review of applicants will be conducted by a Screening Sub-Committee consisting of two PRC members. The PRC Chairperson, or designee, shall also be present during the screening review. Applicants will be interviewed by the Screening Sub-Committee and will result in recommendations to the Board of Trustees."

For the past 30 years, City staff had been designated to work on behalf of the PRC to conduct applicant reviews, and submit PRC appointment recommendations to the Board of Trustees, however the City Manager now wanted the PRC to be solely responsible for reviewing and recommending PRC applicants in accordance with Resolution language. In adherence to Resolution language, the PRC elected a Screening Sub-Committee consisting of members Harvey Lewis and Dave Rader. The Screening Sub-Committee and Chairperson then reviewed the two current applicants for the PRC. James Blue was not present to speak on his behalf, but Angelo Witten did speak about his qualifications and experience as a FINRA analyst investigator. Chairperson Visscher pointed out that while Mr. Witten did have investment related experience, he didn't have the specific successful investment experience and proven substantial advisory experience, required by the PRC Resolution. Chairperson Visscher also requested that City staff discuss reviewing and updating the Resolution's applicant experience requirements to expand the acceptable qualifications for PRC applicants. The Screening Sub-Committee's conclusion was that neither Mr. Blue nor Mr. Witten had the successful investment and substantial advisory experience currently required by PRC Resolution language, and therefore their recommendation to the Board of Trustees was to not appoint either of the current applicants to the PRC, but to continue advertising the PRC vacancy. Staff confirmed that they would submit the PRC's applicant recommendation to the Board of Trustees, and that the City would discuss updating the PRC Resolution language internally.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Pension Review Committee elect two PRC members to an applicant review Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee and*

*PRC Chairperson, or designee, review applications for appointment to the current PRC vacancy, and make any recommendations deemed appropriate for submission to the Board of Trustees.*

**Discussed**

[200971.](#)

**PRC Presentation to the City Commission (B)**

Last year, the City Commission asked for City Advisory Boards & Committees to begin making annual reports to the Commission reviewing their goals & objectives, and prior year accomplishments. To that end, Chairman Visscher had worked with staff to develop a presentation, and was planning to give the presentation to the Board of Trustees at a meeting in April or May.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Pension Review Committee review FY20 PRC report material compiled by the PRC Chairperson and staff for presentation to the to the City Commission, and take any action deemed appropriate.*

**Discussed**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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