

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero

Joshua F. Tenorio Lieutenant Governor

Paula M. Blas

Trustees:

Joe T. San Agustin Chairman

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D. Investment Committee, Chairman

Antolina S. Leon Guerrero Secretary

Gerard A. Cruz

Audit & Operations Committee, Chairman

Katherine T.E. Taitano Trustee

David M. O'Brien

Albert H. Santos

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Friday, January 25, 2019, 12:00 Noon

Retirement Fund Conference Room

DEFINED BENEFIT

I. ATTENDANCE, QUORUM, AND CALL TO ORDER

After determining a quorum was present, the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees Regular Meeting for the Defined Benefit Plan was called to order at 1:25 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2019, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Chairman Joe T. San Agustin officiated.

Board of Trustees Present:

Board of Trustees Absent:

Joe T. San Agustin, Chairman

Katherine T.E. Taitano, Trustee (Excused)

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Vice Chairman Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Secretary

Gerard A. Cruz, Treasurer

Albert H. Santos, Trustee

David M. O'Brien, Trustee

Staff Present:

Paula Blas, Director Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. December 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee David O'Brien, moved to approve the Minutes of the December 28, 2018 Regular Meeting, subject to technical corrections. Without objection, the motion passed.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. Candelaria Rios, et al. vs. Joseph Ada, et al. (Special Proceeding Case No. SP206-93) The Retirement Fund maintains a list of deceased COLA Awardees who did not name a beneficiary, or whose beneficiary may be deceased. COLA award disbursements for these individuals will be made to their respective estates.
- 2. Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann (BLBG) BLBG's Litigation Status Report dated January 22, 2019 on the following lawsuits is provided for the Board's information. These cases are highly confidential and BLBG asked that the cases not be discussed in a public forum.
 - Apollo Education Group
 - MF Global

Financial Report

- *Contributions* Director Paula Blas stated that as of January 23, 2019, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2019 employee and employer contributions.
- 2. *Financial Statements* Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended November 30, 2018 is scheduled to close January 28, 2019.
- 3. Fiscal Year 2019 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of January 2019 will be paid by the end of the month.
- **4.** Fiscal Year 2019 Medicare Reimbursements Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the January 2019 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was made at this time.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Treasurer Gerard Cruz stated that the Retirement Fund is operating within its current drawdown authority of up to \$5.5 Million monthly which continues through March 2019.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Investment Committee

Vice Chairman Wilfred Leon Guerrero reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on January 24, 2019. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2018. Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero stated that as of January 18, 2019, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$1,860,268,698.

Next Quarterly Performance Meeting – Vice Chairman Leon Guerrero informed the Board that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for February 20 and 21, 2019.

B. Members and Benefits Committee

Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero presented the Committee's January 2019 report to the Board of Trustees.

Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee David O'Brien, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 1 through 15, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of January 16, 2019. Without objection, the motion passed.

DISABILITY CASE NO. 18-007

Secretary Leon Guerrero stated that the applicant is a 57 year old School Aide I at the Department of Education with 23 years of service. The date of application for disability is October 2, 2018. The reason for application is Below Right Knee Amputation, End Stage Renal Disease, and Kidney Failure. The applicant was examined by two Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs): Dr. Vincent Duenas on November 12, 2018 and Dr. E. Fred Schroeder on November 29, 2018. Dr. Duenas gave a rating of 95% whole-person impairment and indicated that the impairment is permanent and precludes the applicant from gainful work. Dr. Schroeder gave a rating of 92% whole-person impairment and also indicated that the impairment is permanent and precludes the applicant from gainful work.

At this time Chairman San Agustin asked whether the applicant is present, noting that if the applicant would like to address the Board, he/she would have to waive his/her right to the privacy of his/her medical records and he/she must state his/her name for the record. Chairman San Agustin indicated that no one came forward.

Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee David O'Brien, moved to approve a full disability pension for Disability Case No. 18-007, based on the findings of the two (2) Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs), and the review of records. Votes as follows: Yes Votes - Secretary Antolina Leon Guerrero, Trustee David O'Brien, Treasurer Gerard Cruz, Vice Chairman Wilfred Leon Guerrero, Trustee Albert Santos, and Chairman Joe San Agustin. With Six (6) "Yes" votes, the motion passed. Trustee Katherine Taitano was absent.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

A. Ethics in Government

Director Blas stated that an Ethics in Government Training for the Board of Trustees will be conducted in July 2019.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Leon Guerrero stated that this is Trustee O'Brien's last meeting with the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees. The Board thanked Trustee O'Brien. Trustee O'Brien stated that the Retirement Fund Board is a great Board. Trustee O'Brien stated that the opportunity to do the professional development and the quality of professional development the Board has access to was superb. Trustee O'Brien thanked the Board and stated that he learned a lot during his tenure as Trustee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board for the Defined Benefit Plan, Trustee David O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. Motion passed.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of January 25, 2019 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on February 22, 2019.

ANTOLINA S. LEON GUERRERO, Board Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jackie Blas