



GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
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Treasurer
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Trustee

David N. Sanford
Trustee

George A. Santos
Trustee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting

Friday, July 16, 2021, 12:00 Noon
Retirement Fund Conference Room

MINUTES

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 12:35 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Chairman Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero officiated.

Board of Trustees Present:

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Chairman
Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Vice Chair
Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary
Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Treasurer
Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee
David N. Sanford, Trustee
George A. Santos, Trustee

Staff Present:

Paula Blas, Director
Diana Bernardo, Controller
Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary

Public Present:

Henry Pierandri, Cohen & Steers

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. June 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee George Santos, moved to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2021 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 July 8, 2021 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**
- **EQT Corporation**

Financial Report

1. *Contributions* - Director Paula Blas stated that as of July 13, 2021, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2021 employee and employer contributions. Director Blas stated that there was an issue with Guam Power Authority's data input, which has been resolved. The Port Authority of Guam has an issue with both their DC and DB data input.

2. *Financial Statements* - Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended June 30, 2021 are scheduled to close at the end of the month.

3. *Fiscal Year 2021 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits* - Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of July 2021 will be paid by the end of the month.

4. *Fiscal Year 2021 Medicare Reimbursements* - Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the July 2021 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly. Treasurer Artemio Hernandez asked whether there's still an issue with the funds for Medicare Reimbursement. Director Blas stated that it was just a delay in remitting the funds last month.

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was made at this time.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Treasurer Hernandez stated that the Retirement Fund is operating within its current drawdown authority of up to \$6 Million monthly which continues through September 2021.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Investment Committee

Treasurer Hernandez reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on July 9, 2021. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021. Treasurer Hernandez stated that as of July 6, 2021, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$2,296,968,199. Controller Bernardo pointed out that as of July 14, 2021, it's \$2.3 Billion.

Global Infrastructure - Treasurer Hernandez stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) is still pending.

New Building Plan - Treasurer Hernandez stated that the Request for Quotation (RFQ) for a feasibility study was issued. Director Blas stated that she is waiting for the vendor to return from off-island.

Next Quarterly Performance Meeting – Treasurer Hernandez informed the Board that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for August 18 and 19, 2021. The review of the Equity Managers will be conducted at that time. Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero inquired about Northern Trust's review. Director Blas stated that she will include Northern Trust in the November 2021 Due Diligence.

B. Members and Benefits Committee

Secretary Katherine Taitano presented the Committee's July 2021 report to the Board of Trustees.

Secretary Katherine Taitano, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 4 through 13, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of July 7, 2021. Without objection, the motion passed.

Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, moved to take a recess. Without objection, the motion passed.

RECESSED: 12:45 P.M.

RECONVENED: 1:07 P.M.

DISABILITY CASE NO. 21-002

Vice Chair Leon Guerrero stated that the applicant is a 64 year old Certified Nurse Assistant II with the Department of Public Health & Social Services with nearly 17 years of service. The date of application for disability is February 23, 2021. The reason for application is Right Hand and Arm Weakness and Decrease Range of Motion. The applicant was examined by two Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs): Dr. Vincent Duenas on March 19, 2021 and Dr. E. Fred Schroeder on March 29,

2021. Dr. Duenas gave a rating of 15% whole-person impairment and indicated that the impairment is permanent and precludes the applicant from gainful work. Dr. Schroeder gave a rating of 49% whole-person impairment and indicated that the impairment is permanent and possibly would not preclude the applicant from gainful work. Vice Chair Leon Guerrero stated that Dr. Schroeder noted that the applicant, in her current condition, might be able to manage light duty.

Vice Chair Leon Guerrero read out loud the definition of total and permanent disability:

Definition of Total and Permanent Disability: “One which results from some impairment of body or mind which can be expected to result in death, or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months. The impairment shall be one that substantially precludes a person from performing with reasonable regularity the substantial and material parts of any gainful work or occupation that he/she would be competent to perform if it were not for that impairment and if founded upon condition which render it reasonably certain that it will continue indefinitely.”

Chairman Leon Guerrero inquired about regular retirement. Director Blas stated that for DB 1.75 members, it's at age 62 with a minimum of five (5) years of service. Chairman Leon Guerrero asked whether this applicant could retire at this time on a regular retirement. Director Blas replied, "Yes."

At this time Chairman Leon Guerrero 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 Leon Guerrero recognized an individual and asked if she would like to address the Board. The individual indicated that she does not want to address the Board.

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee George Santos, moved to disapprove Disability Case No. 21-002, based on the findings of the two (2) Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs), the review of records, and the ratings of impairment at less than the total whole-person impairment. Votes as follows: Yes Votes - Treasurer Artemio Hernandez, Trustee Thomas San Agustin, Secretary Katherine Taitano, Trustee David Sanford, Trustee George Santos, Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, and Chairman Wilfred Leon Guerrero. With seven (7) “Yes” votes, the motion unanimously passed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Leon Guerrero recognized Mr. Henry Pierandri and asked whether he would like to address the Board at this time. Mr. Pierandri stated that he is in attendance to hear the status update of the Global Infrastructure mandate which was covered earlier during the meeting.

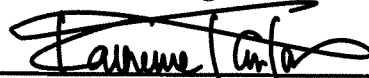
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board for the Defined Benefit Plan, on motion of Trustee George Santos, seconded by Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Motion passed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of July 16, 2021 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on August 20, 2021.



KATHERINE T.E. TAITANO, Board Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY:



Jackie Blas