

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF AND RETIREMENT FUND

A regular meeting of the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund (HFRRF) Board of Trustees convened at the Fund offices at 4225 Interwood North Parkway, Houston, Texas 77032 on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10:08 a.m.

Trustees present were Brett R. Besselman (Chair), David O. Lantrip (Vice Chair), Lisa R. Slagle (Secretary), Gerard L. Daniels, Pete Ng, Edward Llewellyn, Arif Rasheed, and Albertino Mays. Trustees absent were David Riegler and Earnest W. Wotring. Also present were staff members Timothy Schauer (Executive Director), Claudia McInnis (Director of Finance and Administration), Dalia De La Cruz (Director of Member Services), Andrea Sharayha (Director of Human Resources), and Adam E. Smith (General Counsel).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

The Chair invited comments from the public.

The Chair moved item #4, Administer the Oath of Office to re-elect Board member, Pete Ng, after item #11.

There was a motion by David O. Lantrip, seconded by Gerard L. Daniels, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Pension Benefits Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

The motion carried.

The Board noted the 2024 Committee Assignments with an adjustment made to the assignments, as presented.

Pete Ng arrived at 10:18 a.m.

Chris Begala with Begala-McGarth made a brief presentation to the Board. The Chair, with additional comments from the Executive Director, discussed Begala-McGarth's role in HFRRF's strategic communications/public relations structure.

The Chair, with additional comments from the Executive Director, explained the importance of effective governmental and public relations services for the Fund and the potential retention of appropriate representation.

There was a motion by Lisa R. Slagle, seconded by Gerard L. Daniels, to approve the Chief Investment Officer's travel outside the 48 contiguous United States with airfare and four (4) nights of hotel accommodation to be paid by a third party. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Lisa R. Slagle, seconded by Albertino Mays, to approve the Senior Investment Officer's travel outside the 48 contiguous United States with airfare and four (4) nights of hotel accommodation to be paid by a third party. The motion carried.

The Executive Director provided an update on the Fund's roof replacement.

The Chair administered the oath of office to re-elected Board member, Pete Ng, for his new term.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. on a motion by David O. Lantrip, seconded by Pete Ng. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa R. Slagle
Board Secretary