

**MINUTES OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Retirement Board was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., in the Administration Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, located at 1 South Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan. The following members were present:

Present:

Mark Deldin, Gary Cutler, Carol Grant, Matthew Murphy, George Brumbaugh

Excused:

Bryan Santo, Larry Rocca, Bob Smith

Also Present:

Stephanie Dobson, Stephen Smigiel, John Schapka, Joe Biondo, Tom Michaud

**1. Call to Order**

There being a quorum of the Board present, the meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Deldin.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

*A motion was made by Trustee Murphy, supported by Trustee Cutler to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. June 7, 2018**

*A motion was made by Trustee Grant, supported by Trustee Cutler to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018 as presented. The motion carried.*

**4. Approval of Invoices**

Chair Deldin advised the Board that he had been presented with one additional invoice this morning that also requires approval for payment. This invoice is for payment of the monthly hosting fee for May to Conduent (\$4,583.33).

*A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Murphy to approve the invoices as presented with the addition of the invoice from Conduent for the May hosting fee. The motion carried.*

**5. Public Participation**

None

**6. Retirement Administrator Report**

Ms. Dobson provided the Activity Report with the numbers through the end of May. She reported that she is still working with Conduent on the online portal. They are fine tuning the system and once they feel it is ready to go live, she will make sure that access is given to all of the Board members ahead of time so they can also test its functionality. They are having some challenges with the DROP calculator at this point. They have finally received acceptable pay data for the Martha T. Berry (MTB) records and she is hopeful that the actuaries will be able to move forward with closing out 2017.

*A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Grant to receive and file the Retirement Administrator Report. The motion carried.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

None

**8. New Business**

Chair Deldin advised the Board that he was in receipt of correspondence from an attorney named Angelo Donofrio. He represents a former Sheriff's Department employee who has requested to appear before the Board at their next meeting regarding his pension benefits.

Mr. Michaud provided some additional background on this matter. Mr. Joseph Cada (the former employee) has requested recognition of prior service credit under the Reciprocal Retirement Act. As Mr. Cada has already been separated from the County, the Reciprocal Retirement Act stipulates that he could not begin receiving retirement benefits until he reaches age 60 (which he has not yet) and there have been some issues with verifying his prior service credit. The Retirement System sent Mr. Cada a letter advising him of their understanding of the facts of his situation and that is what seems to have prompted Mr. Donofrio's letter to Chair Deldin.

Trustee Murphy wondered if it would not be beneficial for Ms. Dobson's office to put together a list of documentation to make clarifying the issue easier for the attorney and his client. Ms. Dobson advised that all of the information related to this issue has actually been provided by Mr. Donofrio and Mr. Cada. Her office had no documentation on any of this prior to the contact by Mr. Cada. She also indicated that the documents her office received related to Mr. Cada's service credit from Macomb Community College were not very clear. She has reached out to Mr. Cada and Mr. Donofrio to advise that she needs clarification on the service credit (is it months or years?) to know how to apply any credit he may have earned from the College.

Mr. Schapka advised that he has also been involved in this since before Mr. Cada's termination. His understanding is that upon termination, Mr. Cada was about eight months short of being able to immediately draw retirement benefits from Macomb County. Mr. Cada is trying to fill that eight month gap using his service from the College. He was a part-time security officer there and the College so far has not given day-to-day credit. It is a sliding scale because he was only part-time. Mr. Schapka believes that the "3.8" noted on the document submitted by Mr. Cada from the College is months (not years) and that still leaves him short of the eight months he needs. Regardless, he believes Mr. Cada's fight at this point is with the College and not with the County.

Chair Deldin advised that he and Ms. Schave had discussed the possibility of canceling the next meeting as it did not appear there would be a quorum. Trustee Cutler confirmed that he would be on vacation and not able to attend the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Grant believes she will also be out of town that day.

*A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Grant to cancel the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and invite Mr. Cada and his representative to the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion carried.*

Chair Deldin took a moment to inform the Board that Vice-Chair Santo's father passed away in his sleep the night before last. It was unexpected and came as a complete shock to the family. Mr. Michaud requested a moment of silence be observed.

*A motion was made by Trustee Grant, supported by Trustee Murphy to enter into closed session to discuss an issue related to the calculation of pension benefits. A roll call vote was taken with all members responding affirmatively to enter into closed session. The motion carried.*

*The Board returned to open session at the conclusion of the discussion.*

## **9. Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Murphy, supported by Trustee Grant to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. The motion carried.*