



City of Austin Employees' Retirement System

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CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
418 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Austin, Texas 78752

Board Members Present

Janet Bartles
Eyna Canales-Zarate
Reagan David
Francine Gertz
Mark Monteith
Anthony B. Ross, Sr.
Ronnie Wilson

Absent

Art Alfaro
Ed Golden
Elizabeth S. Gonzales

Guests and Staff Present

Stephen C. Edmonds, Executive Director
Rhonda Helm, Operations Manager
Barney Knight, General Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Board Chair, M. Monteith.

General Counsel Barney Knight addressed the Board re: action on agenda item #3.

3. Appeal of Robert Beltran

- A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Secs. 551.071, Tex. Gov't. Code, and Sec. 1.05, Tex. Rules of Professional Conduct, and Sec. 13 of Art. 6243n to hear the appeal of Robert Beltran
- B. Reconvene from executive session and take action as appropriate regarding the appeal of Robert Beltran

The Board did not convene into Executive Session. The Board was presented with a Request for Continuance from the attorney of Robert Beltran. General Counsel B. Knight advised that he recommended the Board accept the continuance and that the appeal meeting be held on November 4, 2008, the same day as two other Committee meetings. He informed the Board of the statutory timelines by which the issue must be resolved, and that holding the meeting on November 4, 2008 would allow the Board to make a decision by the November 13, 2008 timeline.

A.B. Ross, Sr. made a motion to accept Robert Beltran's attorney's request for continuance. E. Canales-Zarate seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Knight will send the attorney a letter accepting the request and notifying them of the November 4, 2008 schedule.

1. Review of Appeals Process – Barney Knight, General Counsel

General Counsel, Barney Knight, reviewed the appeals process.

2. Appeal of James C. Hardeman

- A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Secs. 551.071, Tex. Gov't. Code, and Sec. 1.05, Tex. Rules of Professional Conduct, and Sec. 13 of Art. 6243n to hear the appeal of James C. Hardeman
- B. Reconvene from executive session and take action as appropriate regarding the appeal of James C. Hardeman

The Board convened into Executive Session at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. No action was allowed while in Executive Session.

E. Canales-Zarate made a motion to uphold the Executive Director's administrative decision concerning James C. Hardeman's retirement benefit. J. Bartles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Mark Monteith, Board Chair

11/25/2008
Date



Stephen C. Edmonds, Executive Director

11-25-08
Date