



City of Austin Employees' Retirement System

MINUTES
CITY OF AUSTIN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 2:00 PM
418 E. Highland Mall Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78752

Board Members Present

Chris Noak, Chair
Michael Benson
Eyna Canales-Zarate
Reagan David
Francine Gertz
Frank Merriman
Anthony B. Ross, Sr.
Ed Van Eenoo
Jim Williams

Board Members Absent

Elizabeth Gonzales
Leslie Pool

Others Present

Staff:
Christopher Hanson
Russell Nash
Laura Fugate
Teresa Cantu
Michelle Mahaini
Sarah McCleary

Guests:
Samuel Xia
Yan Yang, Licensed Interpreter
Paige Saenz, General Counsel

Chair Chris Noak called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Review order of business

Chair Noak reviewed the agenda with the Board members and there were no changes to the order.

Mr. Williams arrived at 2:03 p.m.

2. Oath of Office for Council Appointed Citizen Place 4 Trustee

Mr. Frank Merriman introduced himself to the other trustees. Mr. Hanson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Merriman.

3. Updated committee assignments for 2017

Chair Noak noted that Mr. Merriman has been assigned to the Disability Committee.

4. Consider Member Appeal #2017-1

A. Review of appeal process

Chair Noak introduced Mr. Yang as a Texas licensed interpreter hired by COAERS. The Member agreed to the use of Mr. Yang as interpreter. Mr. Yang requested Trustees speak no more than three sentences at a time so an accurate presentation may be made. Chair Noak reviewed the appeal process and there were no questions.

B. Consider member appeal 2017-1

The Member presented his case which had been previously distributed in writing. He distributed two new references to the statements previously submitted. He read aloud his statement. General Counsel Paige Saenz presented the Executive Director's case to the Board.

The Member was given an opportunity to respond. Trustees asked questions of both Staff and the Member.

Mr. Anthony B. Ross Sr. moved that the Board support the decision of the Executive Director and deny the appeal. Ms. Eyna Canales-Zarate seconded. The Member had previously requested that deliberations be held in Executive Session, but the Open Meetings Act prohibits the Board from honoring this request. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

As there were no further items to address, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Chris Noak, Board Chair

6-27-2017

Date



Christopher Hanson, Executive Director

6/27/2017

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