

OPEB BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes
February 21, 2019
8:00 AM
Republican Caucus Room, 4th FLOOR
GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT

OPEB Board of Trustees Members in Attendance:

David R. Martin - Vice Chair	Mayor
Michael E. Handler - Chair	Director of Administration
Lee Palmer	Interim Director of Human Resources
David Yanik	Controller
Frank Cerasoli	President, Board of Education Appointee
Earl Kim	Superintendent of Schools
Jay Fountain	Fire Pension Appointee
Dudley Williams	Board of Finance Appointee
Stephen Cohen	Board of Representatives Appointee

The meeting of the OPEB Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Martin at 8:05 a.m. A quorum of eight was present. The following materials were distributed in advance: meeting agenda, minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting, Fourth Quarter OPEB Trust Investment Review and financial reports.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes. **The motion carried 7-0-1.** Mr. Cerasoli abstained.

Report on Investments of the Funds – Mark Wetzel, of Fiduciary Investment Advisors, LLC (FIA), reported on OPEB Trust Fund investments and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Handler entered the meeting.

Fourth quarter economic review: The fourth quarter was a very negative quarter. There were a lot of concerns about a number of things including trade with China and Fed rates but the market has bounced back since then. The S&P Index was down 13.5% for the quarter and down 4.4% for one year. This year the S&P was up 11.2% as of yesterday gaining back almost the entire drop for the last quarter. International markets were negative. Rates continued to move down.

Allocations are close to the targets. The plan is allocated at 26.5% in fixed income investments and cash, 34.9% in domestic equities, 26.7% in developed international, 7.0% in emerging markets and 1.1% in alternatives. The OPEB portfolio is at approximately \$120 million in assets at the end of the quarter. On a one year basis the portfolio is down 6.6% vs. the benchmark of 6.8% and up 6.0% vs. 5.7% on a three year basis. The Short-Term account and plan fees were discussed.

Wells Fargo Report – Joseph DePalma of Wells Fargo distributed and discussed the Wells Fargo Administrative Report of Trust Fund balances for the period ending January 31, 2019.

Report of Bills Paid and Financial Reports – Mr. Yanik distributed and discussed the Summary Schedule of Expenses for F2019 and the OPEB Trust financials.

Other Business – New members Frank Cerasoli, Lee Palmer and Stephen Cohen were welcomed to the board. Mayor Martin described the history of the funding of the OPEB Trust. Representatives from Milliman will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the actuarial reports.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
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