OPEB BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes February 23, 2017 8:00 AM

Democratic Caucus Room, 4th FLOOR GOVERNMENT CENTER 888 Washington Boulevard Stamford, CT

OPEB Board of Trustees Members in Attendance:

David R. Martin Mayor

Randall M. Skigen – Chairman Board of Representatives Appointee

Clemon Williams Director of Human Resources

David Yanik Controller

Geoff Alswanger President, Board of Education Earl Kim Superintendent of Schools

Hugh Murphy Finance Director, Stamford Public Schools

Ron Racaniello Custodians' Pension Appointee

Joseph Caruso CERF Pension Appointee
Jay Fountain Fire Pension Appointee
Sal Gabriele Board of Finance Appointee

The meeting of the OPEB Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Skigen at 8:03 a.m. Mr. Williams entered the meeting at 8:04 a.m. A quorum of 9 members was present. The following materials were distributed in advance: Attached are the agenda, minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting, Quarterly Investment Review, GMO update and 2 financial reports.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 17, 2016 minutes. **The motion carried 8-0-1.** Mr. Alswanger abstained. Mr. Gabriele entered the meeting. Mayor Martin entered the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

<u>GMO Update</u> – Mr. Wetzel introduced Peter Chiappinelli and Dana Smith of GMO, one of the plan's investment managers, who spoke about their company's investment strategy and answered Board members questions.

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. Fourth quarter economic review: The OPEB Plan is at approximately \$79 million at the end of the quarter. The markets for the trailing 12 months have been strong. The S&P Index is up 24% for one year. On a one year basis the plan is up 7% versus a benchmark of 7.6%. Mr. Wetzel suggested lowering asset allocation targets. After discussion the Board decided to leave the allocations as they are and revisit the subject at the July meeting.

<u>Report of Bills Paid</u> – Mr. Yanik distributed and discussed the Summary Schedule of Expenses through December 31, 2016. There were no unusual expenses.

<u>Financial Reports</u> – Mr. Yanik distributed the final FY2016 OPEB Trust Fund Financial Report. The audit is complete. A motion was made and seconded to approve both the expenses and the financials. **The motion carried unanimously 11-0-0.**

<u>Other Business</u> – There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
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