

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PEACE OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND
WEDNESDAY
April 1, 2015
10:30 A.M. via Teleconference

Present:

Roger Garrison, Chairman
Kaye Carter
Sherry Mowell
Homer Bryson

Gary Jones, by teleconference
Robert W. Carter, Secretary/Treasurer
William Johnston, Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Garrison. Mr. Robert Carter delivered an invocation. The following items were considered by the Board:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The March 4, 2015 Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Kaye Carter made a motion, seconded by Sherry Mowell, to approve the minutes from March 4, 2015. The motion carried.

II. RETIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL (See attached listing)

A motion was made by Homer Bryson, seconded by Kaye Carter, to approve the requests for retirement. The motion carried.

III. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Upon Mr. Carter's

recommendation for approval, a motion was made by Sherry Mowell, seconded by Kaye Carter and unanimously carried, approval of the following leave of absence: Johnny C. Cunningham - Service Credit – 7-7-3; age 48; Member was out of work for 27 days during transition between departments and is back to work now; Request Leave of Absence for 27 days.

IV. LEGAL MATTERS

William Johnston provided an update on the status of a case involving John D. Bearden. Per instructions by the Board at the last meeting, he left a message by phone offering a settlement. Bearden has not returned the call.

In a second matter involving Mr. Windborn who fell between the 10/15 year vesting period, the member agreed to our offer. Mr. Johnston advised he will draft a letter of agreement.

There was discussion regarding a proposed House Bill involving investigators for state solicitors and district attorneys. If those individuals have arrest powers, they are allowed to be members of the fund. Currently, all of them do not have arrest powers, but many are sworn by the Sheriff of their local jurisdiction. Mr. Johnston advised they all should be sworn by the Sheriff in order to provide

accountability.

V. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Carter provided a membership report for the month of March, stating we have had a very active month with several of the larger agencies beginning to pay member dues as part of the law enforcement benefit package. We had 124 new members, 14,067 active members and 5,114 retirees in the fund.

Board Member Gary Jones joined the Conference Call.

Mr. Johnston stated he had received an agreement from Saxena White which he would present at the next meeting for Board approval.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the Fund office, 1208 Greenbelt Drive, Griffin, GA 30223 at 10:30 AM. Mr. Carter advised the Fund Managers would be at the next meeting and the Actuarial Report would be presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Carter
Secretary/Treasurer