



Minutes

Retirement Pension Committee
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
10:30 am

The Retirement Pension Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia and also virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Committee Present:

Jeff Hill, Chief of Fire & EMS
Phill Mallon, Public Works Director
Lewis Patterson, Human Resources Director
Vanessa Tigert, Water System Director
Michelle Walker, Sheriff's Office
Sheryl Weinmann, Chief Financial Officer

Staff Present:

Kennya Carter, HR Benefits Manager

Retirement Representatives Present:

Paul Bates, ACCG – via Teams
Alice Davis, OneDigital – via Teams
David Griffin, OneDigital – via Teams
Ray Vuicich, UBS Inst Consulting Group – via Teams

Call to Order:

Motion was made to call to order the Quarterly Retirement meeting by Jeff Hill at 10:30am.

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made to approve the minutes for 02/28/2023 by Lewis Patterson and seconded by Vanessa Tigert. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Putnam Stable Value Rate

The Putnam Stable Value Rate is 2.65%. Reviewed by David Griffin, OneDigital.

Investment Performance Review

David Griffin reviewed the 1QT23 Investment review prepared for Fayette County. The report was broken down by OneDigital Quarterly Markets In Focus, Fund Decisions, Executive Summary, Asset Allocation, and Performance Summary.

OneDigital Quarterly Markets In Focus

David Griffin provided a summary of the OneDigital Quarterly Markets In Focus provided in the investment review.

Review

The biggest headlines from the first quarter came from the banking sector, when Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank failed and the federal government had to step in to protect depositors. Bringing down inflation remains the top priority for the Federal Reserve. Restrictive monetary policy from the Fed will likely continue to tighten financial and credit conditions, soften the labor market, and bring down inflation.

Strengths

- The U.S. jobs market is strong despite some cracks forming, and U.S. consumer confidence remains healthy.
- The Fed remains committed to maintaining stability in U.S. markets and the banking system.
- The U.S. markets started the year strong, as Standard & Poor's 500 Index returned 7.5% over the first quarter, and international markets are not far behind.

Risks

- Inflation remains the most important thing on the Fed's radar as levels continue to be stubbornly high.
- There is the potential that pressure will continue in the banking sector and some banks may have trouble adapting to the new, higher interest rate environment.
- Tighter lending standards could slow down the economy even more than anticipated.

Outlook

- The outlook for the rest of the year remains uncertain. There are many risks that could tip the scale toward a hard landing, including pressure on the banking sector and the potential for geopolitical conflicts.
- We expect that the Fed will continue to tighten financial and credit conditions, soften the labor market, and bring down inflation.
- It's reasonable to expect that inflation could return to normal without a large negative impact to economic growth, but there's also a risk it could stay higher for longer and the Fed could have to increase rates more than anticipated.

Fund Decisions & Executive Summary

No funds on Watch.

Performance Summary

David Griffin reviewed the performance summary with the committee.

ACCG 1st Qtr 2023 Performance Report

Paul Bates discussed ACCG administrative updates. Ray Vuicich reviewed the ACCG Quarterly Performance Report.

Additional Items:

The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 10:30am.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am by Vanessa Tigert and seconded by Lewis Patterson. Motion was approved.

Minutes prepared by Alice Davis, Senior Client Relationship Manager – OneDigital.

The minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Retirement Pension Board of Fayette County, Georgia held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Alice Davis, Senior Client Relationship Manager – OneDigital