



Minutes

Retirement Pension Committee
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
10:30 am

The Retirement Pension Committee met on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Committee Present:

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

Staff Present:

Kennya Carter, HR Benefits Manager

Retirement Representatives Present:

Paul Bates, ACCG – in person
Alice Davis, OneDigital – in person
Lola Triplett, OneDigital – in person
Aaron Schleup, Empower – in person
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 10:31am.

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made to approve meeting minutes for 11/28/2023 meeting by Vanessa Tigert and seconded by Michelle Walker. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Secure Act 2.0

Aaron Schluep reviewed the Secure Act 2.0.

Vanessa Tigert made motion to approve-Domestic abuse distribution – elected to add this option- Michelle Walker seconded.

Phil Mallon made motion to approve -Mandatory cash-out distribution – elected to increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000- Sheryl Weinmann seconded.

The committee and OneDigital voted to implement the following fund change 'Replace MFS Global Eqty R3 with Fidelity Global Ex US Index fund'. Phil Mallon made a motion to approve fund change and Lewis Patterson seconded the motion.

Putnam Stable Value Rate

The Putnam Stable Value Rate is 3.41%. Reviewed by Alice Davis, OneDigital.

Investment Performance Review

Alice Davis reviewed the 4QT23 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

Alice Davis provided a summary of the OneDigital Quarterly Markets in Focus provided in the investment review.

The U.S. economy defied recession fears in 2023 by achieving robust growth, exceeding market expectations, and steadying the labor market. Tightening by the Federal Reserve brought inflation down to a more manageable level, as Core PCE inflation declined significantly. Equity markets rallied in the fourth quarter, driven by optimism about interest rates and positive GDP growth. Mortgage rates eased after a sharp rise, boosting housing demand.

Strengths

- **Effective Policy Response:** The Fed's monetary policy is credited with helping to manage inflation and facilitating the recovery from supply chain and labor market challenges.
- **Resilience And Adaptability:** The economy avoided a recession, bouncing back from prior shocks and adapting to policy changes.
- **Consumer Strength:** Consumer spending remained robust, driving economic growth and contributing to positive economic indicators like GDP.

Risks

- **Geopolitical Uncertainty:** Unrest between Israel and Palestine, the Russia-Ukraine war, and U.S. relations with China top the list of concerns and could disrupt the market and impact energy prices.
- **Presidential Election Year:** U.S. presidential elections may mean volatility in the equity markets, due to the uncertainty and potential policy changes associated with a new administration.
- **Potential Energy Price Surge:** Production cuts and oil market dynamics raise concerns about another spike in energy prices, which could exacerbate inflation and potentially

weaken the economic recovery.

Outlook

- Overall Optimism for 2024: Continued focus on managing inflation and maintaining sound financial conditions will be crucial for long-term economic stability, and the importance of consumer spending and demand remains paramount for future economic growth.
- Policy Plays a Crucial Role: The successful policy interventions in 2023 demonstrate the importance of proactive and measured government responses to economic headwinds.
- Challenges and Uncertainties Persist: While optimism prevails for 2024, we acknowledge the presence of significant risks like geopolitical tensions, elections, and potential energy price hikes.

Fund Decisions & Executive Summary

OneDigital will present the Zero Revenue platform option at the next committee meeting.

Performance Summary

Alice Davis reviewed the performance summary with the committee.

ACCG 4th 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 for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 10:30am.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lewis Patterson and seconded by Vanessa Tigert. Motion was approved.

Minutes prepared by Lola Triplett, 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, November 28, 2023.

Lola Triplett, Client Relationship Manager – OneDigital