BOARD OF RETIREMENT
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO
MINUTES
April 22, 2019

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

James Concialdi, CH Present
Kathy Koen, VC Present
Mark Mears Present
Judy Martinez Present
Del Olivas Present

Also in attendance:

Darren Baumgartner Vanguard
Dale Connors Ellwood
Andy Fiegel Ellwood
Terry Hart BOCC
Cindy Jones Retirement Bene Specialist
Vince Ortega American New Perspective
Andy Preda Grosvenor
Mark Roman Grosvenor
Travis Shelton Principal
Joel Thompson Plan Administrator
Emily Tillman American New Perspective
KC Tucker Employee

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and Mr. James Concialdi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Concialdi asked for approval of the consent agenda sent to the Board ahead of the meeting. Mr. Mears moved for approval. Ms. Koen seconded and the Board approved.
INVESTMENT MANAGER PRESENTATIONS AND ROUNDTABLE

Investment firm representatives of four portfolio management teams were on hand to give an overview of their product and discuss the current state of the investment environment from their perspective. Included in the roundtable were Darren Baumgartner of Vanguard, Mark Roman and Andy Preda from Grosvenor, Vince Ortega and Emily Tillman of American New Perspective and Travis Shelton from Principal Real Estate. (Presentations provided are attached.)

PRELIMINARY MONTHLY INVESTMENT SUMMARY-ELLWOOD

Mr. Andy Fiegel, CFA, CAIS and Mr. Dale Connors, Senior Consultant presented the Board with preliminary returns for the month ended March 31, 2019. Total fund for the month increased 1% with the index coming in at 1.2% gain. Year to date numbers are strong with a 7% overall gain, though trailing the index of 8% through March. The fund market value continues to rise with an ending balance of $138.9 million compared to $131.1 million at the beginning of the year.

ASSET ALLOCATION STUDY

The Ellwood associates then presented a preliminary look at a new allocation study which will be presented in detail at next month’s meeting. In the last couple years’ allocation studies, Mr. Connors has stated that Ellwood efficiency frontier model, which projects future returns vs. volatility is projecting less than 7.5% returns. Only two out of the ten asset classes in our portfolio are projecting over 7.5% returns in the next ten years. Those two classes are unfortunately seen as the most volatile classes. This, coupled with the corresponding low returns on the other asset classes poses a problem in forecasting the Plan’s funding status.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the third floor conference room of the Courthouse, room 333.

Joel Thompson
Plan Administrator