

**CITY OF FLINT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall Council Chambers, with the following in attendance:

TRUSTEES & ALTERNATES Daniel Hall – Chairperson, Douglas Bingaman, Daniel Coffield, Peggy Cook, Sandra Kidd, Alvern Lock, Donald Phillips, Robert Rosenberger, Georgia Steinhoff, Cass Wisniewski

ABSENT Peter Dobrzeniecki, Robert Erlenbeck, Mark Horrigan, Janice Kehoe, Amy Lindman, Edward Taylor

ALSO PRESENT Habeeb Ghattas, Attorney for the Retirement Board  
Wanda Twitty, Retirement Supervisor  
Gwelda Swilley-Burke, Gray & Company  
Ivory Day, Jr., Gray & Company  
David Fitchett, Northern Trust

**1. CHAIRPERSON CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Daniel Hall called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. He noted that an addendum to the agenda had been distributed to Board Members with a request for approval for the voluntary retirement application of Bradford Barksdale. He stated that the Board's position regarding any item(s) that are not on the regular agenda (which is sent out in advance) is that the item(s) be tabled until the next regular board meeting, to allow for a proper and thorough review.

**2. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Eric Mays, 125 East Russell, stated his concern that former Police Chief Bradford Barksdale, who retired almost a year ago, has not yet begun drawing his pension.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Georgia Steinhoff and Chairman Daniel Hall noted that page 9160, #17 regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Check Program Committee, was worded incorrectly:

Original Entry: Chairman Daniel Hall reported that the Committee has yet to meet.

Corrected Entry: *Chairman Daniel Hall reported that the Committee met once, but was waiting until the ordinance changes were approved before another meeting is scheduled.*

**It was moved by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Alvern Lock, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2005, Regular Board Meeting, as corrected.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT**

George Carlyon  
DPW/Exempt

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 73,304.71
Accumulated Contributions:	27,427.05
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/02/2005
Service: 25 Years, 2 Months	

The retiree elected the Option Straight Life in the amount of \$3,689.68.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for George Carlyon be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option Straight Life, in the amount of \$3,689.68, for as long as he lives.

Veletta Damon  
HMC/Exempt

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 33,849.88
Accumulated Contributions:	Non-Cont.
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/09/2005
Service: 22 Years, 7 Months	

The retiree elected the Option C w/pop-up in the amount of \$814.73.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Veletta Damon be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option C w/pop-up, in the amount of \$814.73, for as long as she lives.

Joan Hutchinson  
HMC/RN

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 68,292.91
Accumulated Contributions:	Non-Cont
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	03/31/2005
Service: 25 Years, 9 Months	

The retiree elected the Option Straight Life in the amount of \$2,482.73.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Joan Hutchinson be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option Straight Life, in the amount of \$2,482.73, for as long as she lives.

Steven Lackie  
HMC/Exempt

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 145,102.99
Accumulated Contributions:	Non-Cont.
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/02/2005
Service: 12 Years, 1 Months	

The retiree elected the Option B w/pop-up in the amount of \$1,578.41.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Steven Lackie be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option B w/pop-up, in the amount of \$1,578.41, for as long as he lives.

Joyce Lanckton  
HMC/1603

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 33,200.33
Accumulated Contributions:	Non-Cont.
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/08/2005
Service: 21 Years, 9 Months	

The retiree elected the Option B in the amount of \$627.88.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Joyce Lanckton be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option B, in the amount of \$627.88, for as long as she lives.

Stephen Tarkowski  
Fire/352

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 64,154.20
Accumulated Contributions:	20,470.10
DRET:	34,350.46
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/08/2005
Service: 24 Years, 2 Months	

The retiree elected the Option Straight Life in the amount of \$3,359.19.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Stephen Tarkowski be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option Straight Life, in the amount of \$3,359.19, for as long as he lives.

Patricia Verwiebe  
HMC/1603

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 28,891.37
Accumulated Contributions:	Non-Cont.
DRET:	.00
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/15/2005
Service: 19 Years, 2 Months	

The retiree elected the Option Straight Life in the amount of \$ 763.19.

RESOLVED, that the Service, Final Average Compensation, Accumulated Contributions and Effective Date of Retirement for Patricia Verwiebe be approved and the Treasurer of the City of Flint Employees' Retirement System be authorized and directed to pay a monthly pension under the Option Straight Life, in the amount of \$763.19, for as long as she lives.

Sheryl Merriam  
Utilities/1799

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 46,688.62
Accumulated Contributions:	47,878.59
DRET:	2,133.11
Effective Date of Retirement:	05/01/2005
Service: 25 Years, 0 Months	

The retiree elected the Option Straight Life in the amount of \$ 2,352.59.

Tabled by Chairman Daniel Hall, at the request of Ms. Merriam.

**It was moved by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Sandra Kidd, to approve the Applications for Voluntary Retirement for George Carlyon, Veletta Damon, Joan Hutchinson, Steven Lackie, Joyce Lanckton, Stephen Tarkowski, and Patricia Verwiebe.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Georgia Steinhoff requested further information regarding the pension calculations of Mr. Barksdale and Ms. Merriam and an explanation of why Mr. Barksdale's retirement calculations were not presented to the Board sooner, since his retirement date was July 1, 2004.

**It was moved by Sandra Kidd, and supported by Alvern Lock, to refer the applications for voluntary retirement for Bradford Barksdale and Sheryl Merriam to the Professional Services Committee for further review and recommendations at the next board meeting.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT**

Andrea Derricks  
Income Tax/1799

Final Average Compensation:	\$ 52,390.14
Accumulated Contributions:	25,671.22
DRET:	2,407.17
Effective Date of Retirement:	04/15/2005
Service: 18 Years, 5 Months	

The retiree will elect an Option prior to 09/01/2016.

**It was moved by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Sandra Kidd, to approve the Application for Deferred Retirement for Andrea Derricks.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**6. APPROVAL OF NON-DUTY & DUTY DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

Valsa Erinjeri  
HMC/2056

Age: 49 Years  
Service: 13 Years, 11 Months

The medical report and summary of Disability Determination dated April 21, 2005 from Dr. Victor Roth, Medical Director, does certify that Valsa Erinjeri is totally and permanently disabled.

In addition, a statement for professional services rendered in the amount of \$550.00 was submitted.

Georgia Steinhoff reported that the Professional Services Committee met on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed the reports and concur with Dr. Roth's determination that Ms. Erinjeri is totally and permanently disabled. The Committee recommends Board approval of her request for disability retirement.

**Motion made by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Daniel Coffield, to concur with Dr. Roth's report that Valsa Erinjeri is totally and permanently disabled, and should be granted a disability retirement.**

Discussion followed.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Charlie Harris  
Police/FPOA

Age: 37 Years  
Service: 7 Years, 5 Months

The medical report and Summary of Disability Determination dated April 14, 2005 from Dr. Victor Roth, Medical Director, does certify that Charlie Harris is totally and permanently disabled.

In addition, a statement for professional services rendered in the amount of \$550.00 was submitted.

Georgia Steinhoff reported that the Professional Services Committee concurs with Dr. Roth's determination that Mr. Harris is totally and permanently disabled. The Committee recommends Board approval of his request for disability retirement.

**Motion made by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Alvern Lock, to concur with Dr. Roth's report that Charlie Harris is totally and permanently disabled, and should be granted a disability retirement.**

Discussion followed.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Denise Lamson  
DPW/1600

Age: 49 Years  
Service: 17 Years, 11 Months

The medical report and Summary of Disability Determination dated March 24, 2005 from Dr. Victor Roth, Medical Director, does certify that Denise Lamson is not totally and permanently disabled.

In addition, a statement for professional services rendered in the amount of \$550.00 was submitted.

Georgia Steinhoff reported that the Professional Services Committee concurs with Dr. Roth's determination that Ms. Lamson is not totally and permanently disabled. The Committee recommends denial of her request for disability retirement.

**Motion made by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Alvern Lock, to concur with Dr. Roth's report that Denise Lamson is not totally and permanently disabled, and should be denied a disability retirement.**

Discussion followed.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Daniel Hall noted that, by previous resolution, all standard fees for professional services rendered by Dr. Roth will be paid without Board approval on an individual basis.

**7. UPCOMING CONFERENCES (Placed on file in the Retirement Office)**

- 7.1 Kirkland & Ellis, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.S. Private Equity & Venture Capital Summit, May 16-18, 2005, New York, NY.
- 7.2 Kirkland & Ellis, Non-Core Real Estate Funds Forum, July 25-26, 2005, Chicago, IL.

**A motion was made by Alvern Lock, and supported by Georgia Steinhoff, to add the stated conferences to the list of authorized conferences.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**8. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (All items were placed on file in the Retirement Office; if noted, a copy was given to Board Members in their agenda packets also.)**

- 8.1 Northern Trust, Letter to Wanda Twitty re: Resignation of Curtis Spears, April 7, 2005.
- 8.2 Intercontinental Real Estate Corp, Letter to Daniel Hall re: Resignation of Will Averill, March 25, 2005.
- 8.3 NCPERS, The 2005 NCPERS Official Voting Rules and Delegates, April 12, 2005.



- 8.4 Northern Trust, Letter to Daniel Hall re: Authorized Signatures, March 14, 2005.
- 8.5 NCPERS, The Monitor, April/May 2005.
- 8.6 Northern Trust, Invitation to Dinner & Theater, May 24, 2005, Chicago IL.
- 8.7 Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., News Scan, May 2005.
- 8.8 Asset Services Company, Capital Perspectives, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005.
- 8.9 Lerach & Coughlin, Corporate Governance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2005.
- 8.10 Northern Trust, Global Investments Strategy, May 2005.
- 8.11 NCPERS, Persist, Spring 2005.
- 8.12 Payden & Rygel, Quarterly Review, April 2005.
- 8.13 Kirby McInerney & Squire, LLP, The Fiduciary Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2005.
- 8.14 MAPERS, 2005 Membership Directory, February 7-9, 2005.
- 8.15 City of Flint Employees' Retirement System, Letter to Northern Trust re: Michigan Investment Fund Portfolio Liquidation, April 26, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.16 City of Flint Employees' Retirement System, Letter to Harland Abraham re: Michigan Investment Fund Liquidation Management, April 26, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.17 City of Flint Employees' Retirement System, Letter to Harland Abraham re: Transfer of Funds from Michigan Investment Fund, April 26, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.18 Actuarial Service Co., Letter to Daniel Hall re: FERS to MERS transfer, April 18, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.19 Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., Letter to Daniel Hall re: Minute Master, April 20, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.20 City of Flint Employees' Retirement System, Letter to Money Managers re: Gray & Company, May 10, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 8.21 City of Flint Ordinances 3639, 3640, 3641 & 3642. (Enclosed)
- 8.22 GLOBALT Investments & Piedmont Investments, Invitation to Dinner, May 15, 2005.

- 8.23 Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., Letter to Board of Trustees re: Minute Master, April 29, 2005. (Enclosed)

**A motion was made by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Sandra Kidd, to receive the communications and place them on file.**

Discussion followed. It was noted that further information on the status of the Michigan Investment Fund liquidation (reference #8.15) will be given at the June meeting. Also, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co. and the Actuarial Services Company are scheduled to be in attendance at the June 21 meeting.

Attorney Habeeb Ghattas noted that the bill from Actuarial Services Co. for \$5,000 is an obligation of the Retirement System. The work is being done at the request of the Board of Trustees and they are working for the Board of Trustees, whether or not Daniel Coffield, as CFO of Hurley Medical Center, issues a check from Hurley to pay them.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

- 9. REPORTS RECEIVED** (All items were placed on file in the Retirement Office; if noted, a copy was given to Board Members in their agenda packets also.)
- 9.1 State Street Global Advisors, Appraisal Report, April 30, 2005.
- 9.2 Lynch, Jones & Ryan, Trading Summary as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.3 Magna Securities, Commission Recapture Report as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.4 Magna Securities, Commission Recapture Report as of April 30, 2005.
- 9.5 Skyline Asset Management, Small Cap Value Fact Sheet, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005.
- 9.6 GLOBALT Investments, Equity Strategies, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005.
- 9.7 LSV Asset Management, Large Cap Value Composite Performance as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.8 Wellington Management, Quarterly Investment Report as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.9 Globeflex Capital, Investment Performance as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.10 Sit Investment Associates, Investment Performance as of March 31, 2005.

- 9.11 ICON Advisors, Portfolio Update as of March 31, 2005.
- 9.12 Fidelity Investments, Monthly Investment Update as of April 30, 2005.
- 9.13 Fidelity Investments, Capital Contributions, April 21, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 9.14 Fidelity Investments, Real Estate Distributions, April 22, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 9.15 Fidelity Investments, Capital Contributions, April 27, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 9.16 Fidelity Investments, Capital Contributions, May 5, 2005. (Enclosed)
- 9.17 Northern Trust Reports – February 2005 (Enclosed)
- 9.18 Retirement Fund Employee/Employer Contributions (Enclosed)

**A motion was made by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Robert Rosenberger, to receive the reports and place them on file.**

Discussion followed. Chairman Daniel Hall noted that there would be a Finance Committee meeting soon to discuss #9.18, among other issues, and report back to the Board at the June meeting.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**10. STATISTICAL REPORT OF BENEFITS**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Number Retired	3,001	3,002	3,019
Annualized Payroll	\$ 61,357,283	\$ 62,627,143	\$ 63,720,302

For informational purposes only.

**11. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 1, 2005 PENSION PAYROLL TRANSFER**

It was reported that the current balance in the SSgA drawdown fund is \$4,643,239.06. The available balance in the Citizens Bank account is estimated to be \$1,522,855.70.

**A motion to approve the pension payroll transfer for June 2005 in the amount of \$3,572,217.03 from the State Street Global Advisors S&P Provisional Account (draw-down fund) to Citizens Bank for payment of the June 1, 2005 pension payroll of \$5,095,072.73, was made by Daniel Coffield, and supported by Sandra Kidd.**

Discussion followed. It was noted that the drawdown account would need additional funds prior to payment of the July 1<sup>st</sup> pension payroll. Chairman Daniel Hall asked Daniel Coffield to work with Gray & Company to determine the best source of the needed funds and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ALL DATA FOR CERTAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS AND RETIREES OF HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER**

Tabled by Chairman Daniel Hall. Chairman Hall distributed copies of a letter received from Actuarial Services Company regarding their review of the calculations made by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company. He asked that the information be reviewed by the Trustees before the next board meeting on June 21, and noted that both actuarial companies will be in attendance at that meeting.

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF RELATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS AND RETIREES OF HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER.**

Tabled to Chairman Daniel Hall.

**14. RECEIVING OF THE DRAFT 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

Tabled by Chairman Daniel Hall.

**15. ADOPTION OF THE P.A. 728 CERTIFICATION (AS CONTAINED IN THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION)**

Tabled by Chairman Daniel Hall. Attorney Habeeb Ghattas noted that the P.A. 728 certification needed from the Board, as referenced on page A-1 of the Actuarial Report, is for the Board of Trustees to confirm that the contribution rates are adequate to meet the funding requirements of the System and, additionally, that the proper contributions are being made to the System.

**16. 13<sup>th</sup> CHECK PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Chairman Daniel Hall reported that one meeting has been held. Committee Chair Georgia Steinhoff stated that the Committee is waiting for City Council approval of the Ordinance changes before they meet again. Attorney Ghattas noted that he has some concerns about the proposed Ordinance 3641, which he will discuss with Ed Taylor and the City Attorney's office. Discussion followed.

**17. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Daniel Hall noted that the Audit Committee (Daniel Hall, Sandra Kidd, Cass Wisniewski, Peter Dobrzeniecki) has not met since the last Board Meeting. He has spoken with Plante & Moran concerning their merger with Dupuis & Ryden and he requested that a letter be sent to the Board concerning the merger and how it would affect hiring Plante & Moran to perform the FERS audit. It was noted that Plante & Moran has several offices in Michigan and can use auditors from separate offices for audits within the same organization or area. Discussion followed.

**18. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Daniel Hall introduced David Fitchett of Northern Trust Global Investments (NTGI), who replaced Curtis Spears as the FERS Client Representative. Mr. Fitchett addressed the Board regarding the consolidation of the SSgA and Northern Trust index funds at Northern Trust. Mr. Fitchett will work with Gray & Company also on a plan to fund the three new money managers from the SSgA assets and to create all documents necessary for the consolidation and funding. The SSgA index funds will be used to fund Dodge & Cox (\$75,000,000 domestic large cap), Banc One/JP Morgan (\$40,000,000 fixed income), and Piedmont (\$10,000,000 fixed income). The balance will be consolidated with the index funds at NTGI. The primary reason for consolidation at NTGI was the significant savings in fees. Discussion followed.

Chairman Daniel Hall stated that, for the time being, SSgA will remain as transition manager and continue to hold the funds other than the index funds; i.e., the “drawdown” fund and the “self-insurance” fund. In the future, Gray & Company will be making recommendations regarding the best manager for those funds also.

Chairman Hall asked David Fitchett to work with Daniel Coffield, Investment Committee Chair, on the best method of re-allocation of the SSgA index funds remaining after funding the three new managers.

Chairman Daniel Hall also noted that Gray & Company was asked, at the last board meeting, to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Lee Munder Group small cap investments allocation and to recommend candidates for international equity investments.

Gwelda Swilley-Burke stated that the Lee Munder small cap value product has only two and a quarter years of performance history. In 2003, they were below the index and in 2004, they were above the index. A longer performance history (at least three years) is needed before making a recommendation to invest with them. Based on Munder’s public reporting, their fees are in line with the industry. She noted that Gray has been able to negotiate lower fees with some managers. Discussion followed.

**A motion was made by Robert Rosenberger, and supported by Alvern Lock, to direct Gray & Company to perform a search for small cap value managers and bring their recommendations back to the Board.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Gwelda Swilley-Burke and Ivory Day, Jr. presented a report from Gray & Company, “City of Flint Employees’ Retirement System Asset Allocation Analysis and Manager Search Approach.” A rebalancing schedule was also presented for review and discussion.

Gwelda Swilley-Burke asked if Attorney Habeeb Ghattas would review Michigan law to determine whether mortgage-backed funds could be included in the FERS portfolio.

Gwelda Swilley-Burke distributed and reviewed the Gray & Company report, “City of Flint Employees’ Retirement System International Equity Manager Search - May 2005.”

Daniel Coffield left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding asset allocation, commingled vs. separately managed funds, fee structures, trading costs, etc. It was agreed that the asset allocation study and recommendations from Gray & Company should be the first priority, in order to decide the order of manager searches and the amount of funds to be allocated to each class and each manager. Gray & Company will conduct an educational session for Trustees regarding asset allocation and understanding investment performance and reporting.

**A motion was made by Robert Rosenberger, and supported by Georgia Steinhoff, to hold an asset allocation training session for the Board of Trustees, to be presented by the Board's consultant, Gray & Company, on the morning of June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Hurley Medical Center, to be followed by the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m., also to be held at Hurley Medical Center.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Daniel Hall asked that Harland Abraham (Northern Trust) also be present during the training session for questions regarding manager changes, custody effect, etc.

## **19. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Georgia Steinhoff reported that the Committee met on May 20. In addition to the disability retirement applications, the Colleen Belanger reevaluation was discussed. Attorney Habeeb Ghattas noted that Ms. Belanger has requested a hearing, which has not yet been scheduled. However, he requested that she and her attorney provide to Dr. Roth a copy of the specific test for determining latex allergy, which is known as an IGE RAST test. Mr. Ghattas received information yesterday from her attorney, Mr. Keller, which included a two-page report of results from an IGE Panel Test. It is unclear whether that panel included the test requested. The information was given to Wanda Twitty to forward to Dr. Roth. It is possible that a hearing will not be necessary. Discussion followed.

Ms. Steinhoff stated that the Board would be reviewing Attorney Habeeb Ghattas' contract soon. Chairman Daniel Hall stated that he would be meeting with Attorney Ghattas to review the current contractual arrangements with him. Chairman Hall asked Attorney Ghattas to attend the next Professional Services Committee meeting. It was noted that Attorney Jeffrey Welch is no longer a member of Mr. Ghattas' law firm.

Chairman Daniel Hall noted that Habeeb Ghattas is reviewing the proposed contract with Milberg Weiss and will report his findings and recommendations to the Professional Services Committee.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:10 p.m.

The Board returned from break at 3:22 p.m.

**20. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Daniel Hall noted that a Finance Committee Meeting would be held before the next Board Meeting to discuss budget and finance issues. He asked that all Trustees who attended the recent MAPERS and/or NCPERS conferences submit their reconciliation paperwork to Julie Sadler as soon as possible so that all expenses are charged in the current fiscal year.

**21. ELECTION RULES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Daniel Hall and the Trustees briefly discussed the timeline for petitions for the election at Hurley in July. This will be discussed at the next Professional Services Committee Meeting and will be on next month's agenda.

**22. RETIREMENT ORDINANCE REVISION COMMITTEE**

Tabled by Chairman Daniel Hall.

**23. LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES**

- Retirement Ordinance Changes (MERS) – Chairman Daniel Hall stated that he is working with Councilman/Trustee Ed Taylor and Attorney Ghattas to ensure that the Ordinance language changes are consistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Trustees. The language has not yet been presented to City Council.
- Claude Miller Update – Attorney Habeeb Ghattas stated that the Plaintiff filed a cross motion for summary disposition regarding the Claude Miller litigation. Judge Yuille has not yet rendered any decision. The motions for oral arguments were postponed and have not been rescheduled.
- Velma Wright – Ms. Wright is a Hurley Medical Center employee who reviewed her FAC calculations and expressed concerns about the reliability of the data. She indicated an interest in making application for disability retirement, but has not applied. There is also a concern regarding her employment status. Mr. Ghattas stated that he has corresponded with her attorney, Mr. Harris, and attorney George



Washington, from her labor union. No reply to his correspondence has been received. Mr. Ghattas provided information to them regarding FAC calculation methodology.

- Colleen Belanger – Georgia Steinhoff noted that the Professional Services Committee will give a report to the Board at the next meeting.

#### **24. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

Chairman Daniel Hall stated that Donald Phillips received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Spring MAPERS conference. He also noted that it was an excellent conference, with 697 in attendance. He recommended that Trustees who were unable to attend the Spring conference attend the Fall conference.

Chairman Daniel Hall also reported that he was elected to represent the State of Michigan on the National Committee at NCPERS.

#### **25. ADJOURNED**

**There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Georgia Steinhoff, and supported by Robert Rosenberger, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.**

**Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Dobrzeniecki  
Secretary/Fund Administrator