

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero

Joshua F. Tenorio Lieutenant Governor

Paula M. Blas

Trustees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting** 

Friday, June 17, 2022, 12:30 P.M. Retirement Fund Conference Room

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Ed.D.

Antolina S. Leon Guerrero Vice Chair

Katherine T.E. Taitano

Chair, Members and Benefits Committee

Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Ph.D.

Treasurer Chair, Investment Committee

MINUTES

DEFINED BENEFIT

Thomas H. San Agustin

David N. Sanford

George A. Santos

I. ATTENDANCE, QUORUM, AND CALL TO ORDER

After determining a quorum was present, the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees Regular Meeting for the Defined Benefit Plan was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022, in the Retirement Fund Conference Room. Chairman Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero officiated.

#### **Board of Trustees Present:**

Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, Chairman Antolina S. Leon Guerrero, Vice Chair Artemio R.A. Hernandez, Treasurer Thomas H. San Agustin, Trustee (Via Zoom) George A. Santos, Trustee

# **Staff Present:**

Paula Blas, Director Jackie Blas, Recording Secretary **Board of Trustees Absent:** 

Katherine T.E. Taitano, Secretary (Excused) David N. Sanford, Trustee (Excused)

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## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. May 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee George Santos, moved to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2022 Regular Meeting, subject to technical corrections. Without objection, the motion passed.

## III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. Candelaria Rios, et al. vs. Joseph Ada, et al. (Special Proceeding Case No. SP206-93) The Retirement Fund maintains a list of deceased COLA Awardees who did not name a beneficiary, or whose beneficiary may be deceased. COLA award disbursements for these individuals will be made to their respective estates.
- 2. Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann (BLBG) BLBG's Litigation Status Report dated June 10, 2022 on the following lawsuits is provided for the Board's information. These cases are highly confidential and BLBG asked that the cases not be discussed in a public forum.
  - Apollo Education Group
  - EQT Corporation

## Financial Report

- 1. Contributions Director Paula Blas stated that as of June 14, 2022, all agencies are current with their Fiscal Year 2022 employee and employer contributions.
- 2. Financial Statements Director Blas stated that the books for the month ended May 31, 2022 are scheduled to close on June 24, 2022.
- 3. *Fiscal Year 2022 Retirees' Supplemental Benefits* Director Blas stated that supplemental benefits for retirees and survivors for the month of June 2022 will be paid by the end of the month.
- **4.** Fiscal Year 2022 Medicare Reimbursements Director Blas stated that the Retirement Fund received the June 2022 allotment from the General Fund and reimbursements were processed accordingly.

## V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was made at this time.

## VI. TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL STATUS

Treasurer Artemio Hernandez stated that the Retirement Fund is operating within its current drawdown authority of up to \$7 Million monthly which continues through September 2022. A copy of the Cash Flow Statement is provided for the Board's review.

# VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Investment Committee

Treasurer Hernandez reported that the Investment Committee Meeting was held on June 16, 2022. The Committee reviewed and approved the Investment Committee Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2022. Treasurer Hernandez stated that as of June 13, 2022, the size of the Retirement Fund's portfolio is \$1,994,129,702, and as an update as of June 16, 2022, the portfolio is \$1.942 Billion.

*U.S. Small Cap Request for Proposal (RFP)* - Treasurer Hernandez stated that the RFP for the U.S. Small Cap will be issued at the end of the year.

*Investment Strategies* - Treasurer Hernandez stated that the draft legislation, in line with Maggie Ralbovsky, Wilshire Associates' recommended changes, will be submitted to the Investment Committee for review and then it will be presented to the Board next month.

**New Building** - Treasurer Hernandez stated that Director Blas is working on getting a certified engineer. A solicitation will be issued. The report will then give the Board a sense of what to pursue.

*Next Quarterly Performance Meeting* – Treasurer Hernandez stated that the next Quarterly Performance Meeting is scheduled for August 31 and September 1, 2022. Annual reviews will be conducted with the Equity Managers.

## **B.** Members and Benefits Committee

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero presented the Committee's June 2022 report to the Board of Trustees.

Vice Chair Antolina Leon Guerrero, seconded by Trustee George Santos, moved to approve the recommendation of the Members and Benefits Committee contained on Pages 4 through 17, based on the Committee's review and findings during their meeting of June 10, 2022 Without objection, the motion passed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OPEN DISCUSSION / GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

# XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board for the Defined Benefit Plan, on motion of Trustee George Santos, seconded by Treasurer Artemio Hernandez, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. Motion passed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Minutes of June 17, 2022 Regular Meeting duly adopted and approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees on July 29, 2022.

KATHERINE T.E. TAITANO, Board Secretary

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** 

Jackie Blas