

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan (SORP) Board Agenda (Thursday, October 17, 2019)

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Members present

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sheriff's Office Representative
Sgt. Clay Safford, Sheriff's Office Representative
John Walters, Citizen Representative

Others Present

Catherine Pratson, Plan Administrator
Karen Gates, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Dr. Rebecca Bridgett at approximately 1:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL.**A. Approval of the October 17, 2019 Agenda.**

Motion 1: I move to approve the SORP meeting agenda for October 17, 2019.

Motion by Jeannett Cudmore, second by John Walters

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

Not Present at Vote: Sgt. Shawn Moses

B. Approval of the September 19, 2019 SORP Meeting Minutes.

Motion 1: I move to approve the September 19, 2019 SORP Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Sgt. Clay Safford, second by Jeannett Cudmore.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

Not Present at Vote: Sgt. Shawn Moses

3. OLD BUSINESS.**A. Consolidated Investment Manager RFP.**

Chad Wilson from Hightower Fiduciary Plan Advisors will provide a draft RFP to Catherine Pratson by the end of October. The status of the RFP will be a recurring item on the SORP Board Agenda.

B. SORP Plan Amendment.

Catherine Pratson obtained a letter from Sheriff Cameron dated October 11, 2019 in support of the proposed amendment to add a pop-up option. A request for a Public Hearing will be presented to the Commissioners at their November 19, 2019 meeting. If there are no delays, it is anticipated that the Commissioners will make a decision on January 7, 2020.

4. NEW BUSINESS.**A. Morgan Stanley 3rd Quarter 2019 Investment Report.**

The SORP 3rd Quarter 2019 Investment Report was unavailable to present to the Board at today's meeting. Jeff Seibel will provide the report to the Board members once all audits are completed.

Jeff Seibel presented and recommended tactical changes to the Board.

Motion 1: I move to approve Jeff Seibel's recommendation to reduce Cash by -0.5% (500k) and increase Starwood Real Estate Income Trust fund by +0.5%.

Motion by Jeannett Cudmore, second by Sgt. Shawn Moses

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Jeannett Cudmore, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford

Opposed: John Walters

Motion 2: I move to approve Jeff Seibel's recommendation to commit 2.0% (1.85MM) to Fortress Lending Fund I.

Motion by Sgt. Clay Safford, second by Sgt. Shawn Moses

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Jeannett Cudmore, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford

Abstain: John Walters

Motion 3: I move to replace Hamlin with Columbia Cap Adv.

Motion by Jeannett Cudmore, second by John Walters

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Jeannett Cudmore, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford, John Walters

B. SORP Investment Policy Statement.

Jeff Seibel presented the draft SORP Investment Statement for the Board's approval.

Motion 1: I move to approve the draft SORP Investment Policy Statement as amended October 2019; effective date January 1, 2020.

Motion by Sgt. Shawn Moses, second by Sgt. Clay Safford

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yea: Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford

Nay: John Walters, Jeannett Cudmore

Abstain: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett

Motion 2: I move to table approval of the draft SORP Investment Policy Statement until the November 19, 2019 meeting.

Motion by John Walters, second by Jeannett Cudmore

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

C. IPS Comparison - OPEB and MD State Retirement and Pension System.

Jeff Seibel provided the Board with a spreadsheet showing the current and proposed SORP Investment Policy Statement (IPS) Strategic Allocations as compared to Investment Policy Statements from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Yale, and Harvard. Catherine Pratson provided the IPS Strategic Allocations for OPEB.

D. Questions Regarding Morgan Stanley Investment Policy Statement.

Jeff Seibel responded to questions regarding the SORP Investment Policy Statement.

E. Bolton On-Line Benefits Statement Ability.

Catherine Pratson and Karen Gates attended a pension portal demonstration at Bolton on September 23, 2019. The portal will allow SORP plan participants to access annual pension statements and provide SORP plan participants on-demand pension estimates. The implementation cost is approximately \$50,000. Ongoing cost would be approximately \$15,600. Current cost is approximately \$10,000. Sgt. Shawn Moses and Sgt. Clay Safford will survey plan participants to determine interest in the product.

F. SORP Meeting Schedule for 2020.

The SORP Meeting Schedule was presented to the Board for approval.

Motion 1: I move to approve the SORP 2020 Meeting Schedule as amended.

Motion by Sgt. Shawn Moses, second by John Walters

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**A. Administrator's Report.**

Motion 1: I move to approve Administrator's Report for October 17, 2019.

Motion by John Walters, second by Jeannett Cudmore

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**A. Public Comments.**

None.

7. ADJOURN**A. Adjourn.**

Motion 1: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by John Walters, second by Sgt. Clay Safford

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sgt. Clay Safford, Jeannett Cudmore, John Walters

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.