

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND  
PENSION BOARD  
MINUTES  
August 16, 2023

The Fulton County Schools Employees' Pension Fund Pension Board ("Pension Board") met in regular quarterly meeting on August 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Fulton County School District's South Learning Center, 4025 Flat Shoals Road, Union City, Georgia 30291.

Pension Board members present: Mr. Marvin L. Dereef, Jr., Dr. Gonzalo La Cava, Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Greg Haitz, Ms. Lisa Sutton and Dr. Mike Looney.

Absent Pension Board Members: Mr. Stuart Berry and Mr. Robert "Sam" Ham.

Dr. Looney served as Chair of the meeting. Mr. Charles Robinson, FCS Retirement Services Director, served as secretary of the meeting.

Also present were: Ms. Cheryl Shaw, Parker Poe; Ms. Kathy Solley, Parker Poe; Mr. John Hagan, SEI Private Trust Company; Mr. John Waite, SEI Private Trust Company; Ms. Greta Tinaglia, FCS Deputy CFO, Ms. Suzanne Hatfield, FCS Accounting Services Director; Ms. Chunika Green, FCS Retirement Services; Ms. Fredrica Jones, FCS Retirement Services; Mr. Jeremiah Mitchell and Mr. Randy Stewart, FCS Communications.

#### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm, and at the Chair's request, Mr. Marvin Dereef, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Action Items

##### a. Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted a copy of the agenda had been provided to Pension Board members in advance of the meeting and was posted on the website.

*A motion to approve the Pension Board Agenda for the August 16, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. John Anderson and seconded by Mr. Greg Haitz and was unanimously approved.*

##### b. Approval of May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The Chair noted Pension Board members had been provided a copy of the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting in advance of this meeting. He also noted all approved minutes will be available for public view on the Retirement Services website.

*A motion to approve the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Dr. Gonzalo La Cava and seconded by Mr. Gregory Haitz and unanimously approved.*

## Reports

### a. Pension Payroll Report (May, June, and July 2023)

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Charles Robinson presented the Pension Payroll Report.

### b. FY23 Treasurer's Report for Quarter End 06/30/23

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Suzanne Hatfield presented the Treasurer's report.

At June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Pension Fund had total assets of over \$498.5m, total liabilities of \$1.1m and a net position of \$497.4m. There were total pension contributions of \$27m and other local income composed of \$13.7m in interest/dividends on investments, loss on sale of investments of \$11.8m and change in market value of investments of \$22.1m. Total revenues through June 30th are \$74.6 million. Expenditures include administrative expenses totaling \$1.9m and pension benefits of \$36.2m. Ms. Hatfield noted that these figures were unaudited. The year end audit of the Pension Fund will soon be underway.

### c. Investment Performance Review for Quarter End 06/30/23

At the request of the Chair, Mr. John Hagan of SEI Private Trust Company, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023 Portfolio Review of Fulton County School Employees' Pension Fund which included a report of the Plan's investment performance for the period ending June 30, 2023.

As of the close of the market on June 30, 2023, the assets increased to \$494.9m. The 2nd Quarter 2023 return was 3.49%; the 2022 fiscal year return was -13.29%, and the 2021 fiscal year return was 27.52%. The fiscal YTD return was 10.65%. The portfolio continues to outperform the policy benchmark for the 1-, 3-, 5-year, and since inception time periods.

An updated Asset/Liability study has been completed and resulted in some recommended changes to the current asset allocation, all of which remain within the established IPS guidelines. A report on the study will be presented at the November 2023 meeting of the Pension Board.

### d. COLA Methodology

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Greta Tinaglia presented a report prepared in response to questions raised at the May 17, 2023 Pension Board meeting.

The report reflected the purchasing power of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) over a 30-year period. It also addressed various methods of awarding COLA with the same goal to protect pension benefits from the rate of inflation. The report showed that the Plan's 3% COLA generally exceeded on average the increases granted under Social Security based on annual inflation for the last 30 years.

Fulton County Schools will continue to monitor inflation rates moving forward and develop an action plan which can be developed in response to inflation volatility.

### e. Retiree Benefits Letter

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Charles Robinson presented the report.

On August 16, 2023, a letter was mailed to all Direct Bill participants with a delinquent balance that exceeds sixty (60) days. The letter included account balance, type of insurance coverage and deadline for payment arrangements to bring balances current to avoid cancellation of insurance coverage.

Direct Bill participants are retirees who receive a monthly invoice for their dental, vision and insurance premiums. As a result, the participant is financially responsible for making timely payments to avoid any disruption in coverage. Most retirees authorize deductions from their Pension Fund monthly check to pay for these insurance premiums.

### Executive Session

*A motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss investment securities and portfolios, personnel and other matters as permitted by law and to return to public session at the conclusion of the Executive Session was made by Dr. Gonzalo La Cava and seconded by Mr. John Anderson and unanimously approved.*

The Pension Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:41 pm and returned to public session at 3:06 pm.

### Adjournment

The Chair noted that no actions were taken during the Executive Session which required approval by the Board.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm.

11/17/2023

**X** Greta Tinaglia

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Greta P. Tinaglia  
For Marvin L. Dereef, Jr., Board Secretary  
Signed by: robinsonc8

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Charles Robinson for Marvin L. Dereef, Jr., Secretary to the meeting

The Pension Board meeting schedule along with links to the Pension Board meeting video will be available on the Retirement Services website. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023.

Exhibits to Minutes:

June 30, 2023 Investment Performance Review

June 30, 2023 Treasurer's Report

Pension Payroll Report (May, June & July 2023)

COLA Methodology Report

Retiree Benefits Letter