

PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
BROAD BROOK, CT 06016

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Darren Long, Edward Bowsza, Bill Syme, Thomas Talamini,
Karen Christensen, Alan Baker, Frances Neill

Advisory Present: Amy O'Toole, Finance Director/Treasurer, Jason Bowsza First
Selectman, Dr. Patrick Tudryn, Superintendent

1. Call to Order:

Alan Baker called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Minutes Approval of Special Meeting, February 1, 2023

MOTION was made by (Tom Talamini) and **SECONDED** by (Edward Bowsza) to
approve the Special Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2023.

In Favor: All Abstained: Baker Opposed: NONE Motion: **PASSED**

3. Public Comment: None

4. Communications: None

5. New Business:

a. OPEB Plan – Milliman

The representatives from the Milliman briefed the Town of East Windsor Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan valuation results.

b. Pension Fund Update - Webster Bank

Robert Lebreux briefed the Board with the Market update as of March 31, 2023. The S&P 500 was up +7.50% for the quarter ending 03/31/2023. The International Developed Markets were up +8.47% for the quarter ending 03/31/2022. The Emerging Markets were up +3.96% for the quarter ending 03/31/2022. The BB Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index was up +2.33% for the quarter ending 03/31/2023.

The Economy shows signs of disinflation. The CPI continues to trend lower but remains above the Fed's 2 percent target. The Producer Price index continues to decline. The ISM manufacturing Index showing signs of slowing. The job growth

appears to be moderating although unemployment remains historically low. The market expects banks to tighten credit. Therefore, the market would focus on Q1 2023 earnings and forward guidance to provide some insight with respect to whether consumer demand is weakening in light of persistent inflation and higher interest rates.

Robert Maglio updated the Board with the portfolio as of March 31, 2023 starting on page 3. Asset allocation remains neutral as Bob has mentioned. The position portfolio is neutral but the fixed income is not the same. They have slightly underperformed. He asserted that the economic downturn had slight negative impact on the asset allocation. However, the equity and fixed income remain relatively strong with support of the cash.

Robert Lebreux stated the banking issue was due to the run on the bank forcing them to sell bonds at a loss due to the market rates and economic downturn. If they could have held the assets it would not have been an issue.

Robert Maglio noted the current asset allocation and rationale on Page 5 and the portfolio holdings page 6, page 8 is performance, page 9, illustrates the asset detail performance analysis as of March 31, 2023. Recession remains a possibility. The war in Ukraine could have unknown impact on the economy. The banking might have some negative impacts.

c. 401s & 457b Investment Analysis – Webster Bank

Robert Entwistle updated the Board with the Investment Review. It has a twelve-point scoring system so as-long-as it has a passing score then the investment was in a good standing. There was a discussing on all investments not currently passing and a decision was made to replace the Western Asset Core Plus Bond Fund.

MOTION was made by (Edward Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Frances Neill) to replace Western Asset Core Plus Bond Fund with JPMorgan Care Plus Bond Fund.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion: **PASSED**

6. Old Business: None

7. Executive Session: motion to adjourn

- a. Executive Session per CGS 1-200(6)(A)-personnel and CGS 1-200(6)(B)-strategy and negotiations with respect to retirement plans. To include First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza, Finance Director/Treasurer Amy O’Toole and Superintendent Patrick Tudryn.

MOTION was made by (Edward Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Fran Neill) to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion: **PASSED**

Sabohat Maniscalco, Recording Secretary exited the meeting.

Executive session was exited at 7:18 p.m.

8. **Adjournment:**

MOTION was made by (Ed Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Tom Talamini) to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion: **PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

Sabo Maniscalco, Recording Secretary, Pension and Retirement Board