

Minutes
Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees
May 6, 2026
Quarterly Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Amy Richardson called the meeting of the Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees to order at 8:33 a.m. at City Hall.

Board Members Present: Donn Hill
Jeremy Krahn
Ben Kyte
Angeline Lavin
Kurt Peppel
Amy Richardson

Board Members Absent: Mark Sivertson

Staff Members Present: Kim Stulken, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Shawn Pritchett, Director of Finance
Graham Oey, Senior City Attorney
Tim Konda, Assistant Director of Finance
Cody Papke, Chief Accountant
Lori DeKramer, Payroll and Benefits Manager
Melissa Anderson, Payroll/Benefits Specialist
Sam Stanforth, Business Analyst
Ashley VanDeBerg, Senior Accountant

Others present: Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees members:
Matt Adamson, Darin Cox, Rachel VanBeek, Tyler Stewart &
Donn Hill
Peter Brown, Mariner Institutional
Mike Kosciuk, GRS Consulting

The Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees and the Firefighter's Pension Fund Board of Trustees met in joint session.

Chairperson Richardson provided an opportunity for any public to address the Board. No comments received.

A motion was made by Lavin seconded by Peppel to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Brown presented the Board with the March 31, 2026 first quarter total fund performance and rank to the total plan universe as follows: Quarter -1.62% (83), 1 year 12.20% (47), 5 year 6.04% (40), and 10 year 8.56% (22). The market value of the Fund decreased from \$675.9 million to \$664.6 million in the quarter.

Sam Stanforth reviewed recent investment transactions and the current Investment Allocations and Manager Structure.

Peter Brown reviewed the options recommended as a replacement for mid-cap manager, Champlain.

A motion was made by Lavin and seconded by Kyte to make a change from Champlain to the S&P 400 Index.

Mike Kosciuk presented the board with the December 31, 2025 Annual Actuarial Valuation. The report indicated that the plan had an actuarial funded ratio of 102.9% as of December 31, 2025. The results of the valuation identified the City's 2027 pension contribution of \$6,786,071 for General/Management members and \$4,564,004 for Police members for a total of \$11,350,075.

A motion was made by Lavin, seconded by Kyte, to accept the 2025 Actuarial Valuation Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Cody Papke presented the Board with the 2025 Annual Financial Statements which are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), are audited as part of the City's independent annual audit and published as part of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The year-end statements showed an increase in net assets from \$622.2 million to \$684.5 million for the year ending December 31, 2025 and a market value funded ratio of 110.58%.

A motion was made by Kyte, seconded by Peppel, to accept the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Lori DeKramer presented the board with the 2025 pension logs, which reports all retirements, stipends, refunds, deferred retirements, and deaths of plan members in the general and police divisions.

A motion was made by Peppel, seconded by Hill, to accept the 2025 pension logs for both divisions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Kosciuk recommended an actuarial study of the system experience be conducted for presentation to the board by the end of the year.

A motion was made by Lavin, seconded by Kyte to authorize staff to enter into a contract with Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for the actuarial study. Motion carried unanimously.

The Employee's Retirement System board members exited the room for the Firefighter's Pension Fund Executive session and returned to the meeting upon the conclusion.

A motion was made by Lavin, seconded by Peppel, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 and 1-27-1.5(2), for review of personal medical records for purposes of determining eligibility for ongoing disability benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

The board exited executive session at 10:40 a.m.

A motion was made by Krahn, seconded by Kyte, to continue disability benefits for Chase Vanderhule for another year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Krahn, seconded by Kyte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori DeKramer
Recording Officer

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