

BERKS COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT FUND MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2008

Commissioner Christian Leinbach called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Attending were Mark Hanson on behalf of Sandy Graffius; Secretary, Nelson Long, Treasurer; and member Mark Scott. The following County staff attended: Alan Miller, County Solicitor; Judi Lumis and Suzanne Baer, Pension Coordinator, Office of the Controller. Michael Shone, President, Peirce Park Group also attended.

The minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were approved as amended on motion by Mr. Hanson and second by Mr. Scott.

The Board received the following communications:

Presentations:

Michael Shone, Pierce Park Group: Mr. Shone presented the Board with historic asset class information covering years 1979 to 2007. Mr. Shone recommended a broader diversification of the equity allocations and that the more diversification the Fund has, the opportunity to increase the equity allocation becomes more attractive. He said there should be more value than growth in the portfolio due to less volatility and more return with value than growth.

Mr. Shone reviewed the correlation of returns of the managers for the last 8 years and each manger versus their peer group and bench mark.

Mr. Shone made recommendations regarding manger and allocation changes. The Board discussed the recommendations and options proposed by Mr. Shone.

Following the discussion Mr. Shone said he had a better understanding of the direction of the Board. Mr. Leinbach asked Mr. Shone to put together a strategy to present at the May Board.

Correspondence:

Dresdner Bank transaction confirmations

Letter from Hay Group Agreement for actuarial services for one year from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

Letter from Westfield Capital Management Company announcing the re-structure of their ownership

Chase Investment Counsel's Recapture Broker Commissions from February 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008

Emerald Advisers, Inc. Commission Recapture Activity for month ending February 29, 2008 LJR Recapture Services trading summary for period January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008.

GMO Investment Management Review for month ending February 29, 2008 and letter advising of change in their leadership and management effective April 24, 2008 and a copy of GMO Trust Prospectus.

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Pzena Investment Management Portfolio Review for period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and a To the Editor letter dated March 11, 2008 Re: "Is Fannie Mae the Next Government Bailout"

Vanguard U.S. Stock Index Funds Large-Capitalization Portfolios Annual Report dated December 31, 2007 and Vanguard Bond Index Funds Annual Report dated December 31, 2007

LJR Recapture Services trading summary January 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008

Bank statements

February, 2008 statements from M & T Trust Company for accounts 77062 (cash); 1551134028 (Emerald); 2002696 (Chase), 2002697 (Rigel), 2002698 (Westfield); 76982 (Templeton); 79316 (Vanguard-Short Term) 77065, (Vanguard Intermediate Term) 1011511, (Vanguard Value Index) 1011510, (McDonnell-fixed), 9554168005 (Scheider) and 1003440 (Pzena), 1012456 (GMO), and 1012457 (Vanguard Global)

February, 2008 statements from Wachovia for checking account 210000020087.

Conferences

Executive Compensation Conference, April 15-16, 2008, San Francisco, Ca. May 6-7, 2008, Chicago, IL. June 4-5, 2008, New York, NY.

The 4th Annual PAPERS Conference, June 4-6, 2008, Harrisburg, Pa.

The 8th Annual Scandinavian Institutional Investors Summit and 7th Annual European Summit on Corporate Governance and Responsible Investment, May 6-7, 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark

Vanguard Institutional Asset Management Forum, Dates and places for 2008: April 1, Washington DC; April 30, Philadelphia, Pa.; June 3, New York City, NY; October 2, Chicago, Il.; October 14, Houston, Tx; November 5, San Francisco, Ca.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Scott to ratify and confirm the Employee's Retirement Guide 2008. Motion carried.

The Board recommended that tax related questions regarding pension issues be discussed with the County's auditor Reinsel, Kuntz and Leshner. If additional assistance was needed through a tax attorney, the fee would be paid by the responsible party.

New Business:

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The Board authorized the disbursements on motion by Mr. Scott and second by Mr. Long. Motion carried.

Annuities and refunds for March, 2008

Annuities	\$ 637,340.24
Refunds	<u>148,453.03</u>
Total	\$ 785,793.27

\$67.20 to Reading Eagle Company for Legal Notice of February 11, 2008

\$47.85 to Reading Eagle Company for Legal Notice of March 3, 2008

\$16,250.00 to Peirce Park Group for 1st Quarter Consulting

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.