

BERKS COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT FUND
APRIL 15, 2009

Co-Chairman Christian Leinbach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Attending were Sandy Graffius, Secretary; Nelson Long, Treasurer; Chairman Mark Scott and member Kevin Barnhardt. The following County staff attended: Suzanne Baer, Pension Coordinator. Don Haverly and Terry Gerlich from SEI Investments also attended.

The minutes of the March 19 meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Scott and second by Mr. Barnhardt

The Board received the following communications:

Presentation:

SEI Investment:

Mr. Gerlich reviewed the market performance of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. He said that 2008 was a difficult year across all asset classes. In the first quarter of 2009, there was some positive performance in the core fixed income environment out of the aggregate index. Mr. Gerlich said there was recovery in corporate and mortgaged backed securities. There had also been strong performance in the high yield index. Emerging market debt was up for the first quarter of this year. As the markets began to normalize, active managers were beating the bench mark by appreciable amounts.

SEI reported some Fund manager changes which included Declaration Mgmt. & Research replacing Smith Breeden. Mazama Capital Mgmt was terminated and funds were re-allocated to existing managers in small/mid cap equity.

Mr. Haverly said the current portfolio allocations were 43% U.S. Equity, 38% Fixed Income, 19% International Equity. Total portfolio returns for one month 5.7%, total index 6.1%. For year to date returns were negative 6.5%, verses the index at negative 6.9%. The Funds asset value on 4/10/09 was \$168,027,014 which was up \$24,618,141 from the 3/09/09 figure of \$143,408,873.

Mr. Gerlich gave a review of product line review of high yield, emerging market debt and hedge funds followed by questions and discussion with the Board.

Mr. Scott moved, Mr. Barnhardt seconded to accept SEI's Fully Global Portfolio with allocations as follows: 37% SEI Disciplined Equity Fund, 9% SEI Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund, 14% SEI World Equity Ex-US Fund, 28% SEI Core Fixed Income Fund, 8% SEI High Yield Bond Fund and 4% Emerging Market Debt Fund. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

LJR Recapture Services, Trading Summary January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009

Distribution payment from the SEC VS MBIA, Inc. Distribution Fund in the amount of \$3,325.57.

Bank statements

March, 2009 statements from Wachovia for checking account 210000020087.

March, 2009 statement from SEI Trust Company account 15963-C

March, 2009 statement from National Penn Bank for checking account 216784425

Solicitations:

General:

Chase Investment Counsel, Charlottesville, Va.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr.Barnhardt moved, seconded by Mr. Scott., to approve the employee buy back request as listed. Motion carried.

Tiffany Pantoja to buy back 3 years part-time service when anniversary hours exceeded 1,000 making her pension eligible at \$1,701.36

The Board authorized the disbursements on motion by Mr. Scott, second by Mr.Barnhardt. Motion carried.

Annuities and refunds for April, 2009.

Annuities	\$ 696,698.91
Refund	<u>319,160.36</u>
Total	\$1,015,859.27

\$7,250.00 to Hay Group for Actuarial services and expenses for second quarter of 2009 (April-June)

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.