

**THE EL PASO CITY EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND
BOARD MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017, AT 8:30 A.M.
ESD COPPER ROOM, 7968 SAN PAULO, EL PASO, TX 79907**

Members in Attendance:

Karl C. Rimkus, Chairman
Rene Peña, Vice Chairman
Presi Ortega
Rep. Lily Limón
Rebecca L. Torres
Christina Stokes

Members Absent:

Ed Archuleta
Rep. Jim Tolbert
Mario Hernandez

Others in Attendance:

Eduardo Miranda, Attorney
Robert Ash, Pension Administrator
Patricia Hickman, Deputy Pension Administrator
David Garcia, Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist
Pat Gordon, Tax Counsel, Gordon Davis Johnson & Shane P.C.
Joshua Snider, Gordon Davis Johnson & Shane P.C.

Item 1. Karl Rimkus, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.

Item 2. Discussion and action regarding approval of a Board Vacancy Policy.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft copy of the Board Vacancy Policy. Karl Rimkus mentioned that Rep. Emma Acosta had suggested that the period to fill a vacancy be changed from 30 days to 60 days. Rep. Lily Limon recommended that the fulfillment period remain at 30 days. After further discussion, the Board agreed to keep the period to fill a vacancy at 30 days.

Motion made by Rep. Lily Limon to accept the Board Vacancy Policy as presented; seconded by Presi Ortega. Motion carried.

Item 3. Discussion and action regarding approval of a Media Policy.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft copy of the Media Policy. Rimkus commented that the policy is not prescriptive but is intended for guidance. Eduardo Miranda, Legal Counsel, advised to revise item four, first bullet point, to read that face to face interviews with the media are permitted. Presi Ortega suggested that Robert Ash, Pension Administrator, be allowed to take media training. Rene suggested that the last bullet point on item four be moved to the first bullet point position.

Motion made by Rene Pena to accept the Media Policy with the revision of item four to read that face to face and phone interviews with the media are permitted and that the last bullet point be moved to the first bullet point position; seconded by Rep. Lily Limon. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rene Pena to go into Executive Session to discuss items under Section 551.071-551.076 and Section 551.078; seconded by Rep. Lily Limon. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lily Limon to reconvene from Executive Session; seconded by Rene Pena. Motion carried.

- Item 4. The Board will retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071-551.076 and Section 551.078 to discuss any of the following:

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.075	CONFERENCE WITH EMPLOYEES
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.078	DELIBERATION REGARDING DISABILITY APPLICANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS

- A. **Section 551.071** Discussion and action regarding actuarial tables and the calculation of benefits.

Motion made by Rene Pena to hire Pat Gordon Law Firm to represent the Pension Fund on issues related to benefit calculations; seconded by Presi Ortega. The motion required polling:

Presi Ortega	aye
Rep. Lily Limón	aye
Rebecca L. Torres	aye
Christina Stokes	aye
Rene Peña	aye
Mario R. Hernandez	aye

Motion carried.

- Item 5. Adjournment

Motion made by Rep. Lily Limon to adjourn the El Paso City Employee's Pension Fund Special Board Meeting on April 10, 2017; seconded by Rene Pena. Motion carried at 10:20 A.M.