



**City of Cincinnati Retirement System
Benefits Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 6, 2022/ 12:00 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers and remote**

Board Members Present

Tom Gamel, Chair
Mark Menkhaus, Jr.
Bill Moller
John Juech

Administration

Mike Barnhill
Ann Schooley
Linda Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chair Gamel and a roll call of attendance was taken. Committee members Gamel, Menkhaus, and Moller were present. Committee member Juech joined the meeting at 12:17pm.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Menkhaus moved, and Trustee Gamel seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2022. Trustee Moller noted that he was not present at the September 22 meeting, and the draft minutes need to be corrected to reflect that. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was approved by a roll call vote of 2-0 (Trustee Moller abstaining).

Executive Session

Trustee Gamel moved, and Trustee Menkhaus seconded, that the Committee go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) and CMC 121-7 to consider medical records and financial information of several disabled adult children and their eligibility for CRS retiree healthcare coverage and to discuss with the Committee's counsel matters that are subject to imminent court action. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The Committee resumed open session at 1:18pm (without Trustee Juech). Trustee Gamel stated that the Committee took no action while in executive session.

Unfinished Business

Disabled Adult Children Legislation

Director Barnhill called the Committee's attention to draft legislation related to making changes to the

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eligibility requirements for CRS healthcare of disabled adult children. Director Barnhill stated that he used the drafting convention of placing language proposed to be deleted in all caps and within brackets.

Trustee Menkhaus moved to adopt the draft legislation. Following discussion, Trustee Menkhaus stated that the Committee at the previous meeting had already approved a motion adopting the draft legislation before the Committee. The document simply encapsulates that approved motion in the form of draft legislation. The Committee took no action on the motion.

Trustee Moller observed that the Board is in the process of looking at the entire section of the City Municipal Code. He wondered if the Committee should hold off and seek more comprehensive changes to the section. Trustee Moller asked, for instance, if there should be consideration of the role of the CRS medical director in these cases.

Trustee Moller asked the Law Department to describe the ordinance drafting process. Ms. Schooley stated that the Law Department would take the language provided by Director Barnhill, and draft an ordinance. When complete, the draft ordinance would be presented to the City Council and the Board. Trustee Gamel asked about time frame to prepare an ordinance. Ms. Schooley responded that she could not provide a time frame at this time.

Other Proposed CMC Amendments

Director Barnhill referenced a document in the Committee's packet which is a memo from him that describes variances between plan administration of the CRS healthcare plans and the CMC provisions that govern the healthcare plans. The memo contains recommendations for changes to conform the CMC provisions to the CRS plan administration practice or otherwise amend the CMC.

Public Comment

Attorney Dan Spraul submitted a letter from the doctor of one of the disabled adult children. Attorney Dan Spraul also stated this person's health insurance under COBRA has expired, and requested that consideration of the proposed legislation be expedited.

Adjournment

Following a motion to adjourn by Trustee Menkhaus and seconded by Trustee Moller, the Benefits Committee approved the motion by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

Meeting video link: <https://archive.org/details/crs-benefits-comm-10-6-22>

Next Meeting: TBD



Secretary

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