

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND  
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2013  
RICHARD “DICK” COHEE BOARD ROOM**

**NOTE:** The public meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting such person will need to a record of proceedings, and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and that such record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

**NOTE:** Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate in the meeting because of disability shall contact the Executive Director-Administrator at (904) 255-7373, at least five business days in advance of the meeting to make appropriate arrangements.

**PRESENT**

Lt. David McCall, Vice Chair  
Sgt. Ellis Burns, Police Representative  
James Holderfield, Police Representative  
Donald Kirkland, Retired Representative  
Asst. Chief Larry Schmitt, Police Representative

**EXCUSED**

Capt. Sean Hatchett, Fire Representative  
Chief Brady Rigdon, Fire Representative

**STAFF**

John Keane, Executive Director-Administrator  
Robby Gorman, Executive Assistant  
Kevin Stork, Controller

**GUESTS**

John Kattman, Attorney for Cordelia Cook  
Amanda Robinson, Court Reporter for Mr. Kattman  
Tad Delegal, Attorney for Erika Valenti  
Nicole Medlock, Court Reporter for Mr. Delegal

The meeting was brought to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair David McCall.

A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased members:

Glenn E. Daniels, Retired Firefighter Engineer  
Marcus A. Lennon, Retired Fire Battalion Chief  
Walter H. Taylor, Retired Fire Captain

**CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM 1 - 4)**

1. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

Minutes of the meeting held October 9, 2013. Copy in the meeting file.

2. **APPLICATION FOR TIME SERVICE RETIREMENT**

1. **Barber, Robert E.**, at 20 years of service, at 60%, effective September 27, 2013. Police Officer.

3. **APPLICATION FOR SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS**

1. **Batton, Carolyn Ann**, widow of Harvey Glenn Batton, who died October 1, 2013.
2. **Daniels, Deborah A.**, widow of Glenn E. Daniels, who died October 25, 2013.
3. **Gardner, Lynn A.**, widow of Joseph S. Gardner III, who died October 5, 2013.
4. **Richardson, Nancy**, widow of Douglas W. Richardson., who died October 1, 2013.
5. **Sanders, Margaret**, widow of Dewey B. Sanders Jr., who died October 6, 2013.
6. **Taylor, Carmela Ethel**, widow of Walter Henry Taylor, who died October 7, 2013.

4. **APPLICATION FOR VESTED RETIREMENT**

1. **Hamlin, Danny R.**, date of vesting October 10, 2013, to be placed on pension December 20, 2013. Police Officer.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY ELLIS BURNS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-4. JAMES HOLDERFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Cook, Cordelia C.**, has applied for Survivor's Benefits as the widow of Elijah Fishburne, who died February 27, 2013. The Board of Trustees has referred the case back to the Advisory Committee for the presentation of affidavits by her lawyer, John Kattman.

**Mr. Kattman handed out a 3<sup>rd</sup> affidavit from Carrie Cook, daughter of Cordelia Cook, which stated that Ms. Cook had lived with Mr. Fishbourne.**

**Ellis Burns said he had been subpoenaed to appear in court in the case Ms. Cook was arrested for fraudulent claims for applying for Survivor's Benefits.**

**ELLIS BURNS MADE A MOTION TO DENY SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS TO MS. COOK BASED ON THE FACTS THAT MS. COOK USED THE SPIREA ADDRESS FOR VOTER'S REGISTRATION, FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, FILE HER TAXES, ON HER DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FOR A POLICE REPORT, AND NOT THE ADDRESS OF ELIJAH FISHBOURNE, THE DECEASED BENEFICIARY. WHILE THERE IS NO**

**DOUBT THEY WERE MARRIED, THERE IS NO LEGAL PROOF THEY WERE LIVING TOGETHER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED JAMES HOLDERFIELD AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION**

**Valenti, Erika L.**, Police Officer, 15 years of service, applying for Disability Retirement.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONALD KIRKLAND TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT DUE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOT PROVIDING A POSITION FOR ERIKA VALENTI (EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTORS SAID SHE COULD DO A LIGHT DUTY POSITION). JAMES HOLDERFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. John Keane, Executive Director-Administrator, gave the Advisory Committee an update on Pension news. He let them know what the Mayor's Retirement Task Force was saying and when they would next meet.

There being no further news, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

**APPROVED AT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2013**

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Lt. David McCall, Vice Chairman