

Minutes of the Region 9 Pension Committee Special Meeting
January 25, 2010

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Attendees: Leon Karvelis, Thomas Logie, David Boczar, Jeanne Wendschuh, Bob Manley, Peggy Sullivan, Kenneth Hyne and Sarah Archambeault of USI Advisors, Inc.

1. Call to order at 5:32 pm in the Main Office Conference Room at Joel Barlow High School.
2. Motion to elect Mr. Karvelis to serve as Committee Chairperson made by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mrs. Wendschuh; unanimously approved (Mr. Karvelis abstained).
3. Motion to elect Mrs. Wendschuh to serve as Committee Secretary made by Mr. Karvelis, seconded by Mr. Logie; unanimously approved (Mrs. Wendschuh abstained).
4. Motion to approve minutes of November 16, 2009 meeting made by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Boczar; technical corrections in 5.d. to correct spelling of Virtus Funds and in 5.g. to change 6/30/09 to 9/30/09; unanimously approved (Mr. Karvelis abstained).
5. Public comment: Mr. Logie requested that in the future USI provide a year-to-date reconciliation in addition to the quarterly reconciliation (as on page 25 of their December 2009 Investment Review). Such a reconciliation to include beginning of the year balance, contributions to date, withdrawals (benefit payments and expenses) to date, investment gains/(losses) to date and end of period balance. Mr. Hyne reviewed the full year reconciliations for both 2008 and 2009.
6. Mr. Hyne provided a summary economic review and reviewed the Plan's investment portfolio at December 31, 2009, and its performance for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. He responded to questions from Mr. Karvelis and Mr. Logie. Ms. Archambeault discussed USI's Research Alert on page 41 of the Investment Review. After discussion of USI's recommendations (on page 64 of their December 2009 Investment Review), Mr. Logie moved that the Plan's investment in ING SmallCap Value Multi-Manager of approximately \$70,000 be reinvested in Van Kampen Small Cap Value A; Mr. Boczar seconded; approved unanimously.
7. Mr. Boczar, Mr. Logie and Mr. Karvelis commented on various potential investment opportunities, including real estate, Build America Bonds, international and high yield bond funds, and asked USI to research and recommend such investment alternatives at our next meeting. It was the sense of the Committee to place Virtus Foreign Opportunities A on WATCH because its performance has lagged that of its peers.
8. Future meeting dates: Mondays, April 26, July 26, and October 25, 2010.
9. Mr. Hyne and Ms. Archambeault left the meeting.
10. Public comment: Mrs. Sullivan reviewed the expected process for converting from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan over time, subject to many parameters and necessary agreement with the union. She also noted that the initial 2010-2011 budget draft would include the actuary's recommended \$370,000 contribution to the Plan and that there were currently 55 active Plan participants.
11. Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm made by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Manley; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Wendschuh, Secretary