

# City of Cincinnati Retirement System Benefits Committee

## Minutes

January 31, 2008 2PM  
Committee Room B

Meeting called to order: 2:02PM

### Present:

Michael Rachford, Chair  
Brian Pickering, Vice Chair  
Donald Beets  
Michael Fehn  
John Walsh

### Staff present:

Keith Giles  
John Boudinot  
Cheryl Volk, Recorder

### Others in Attendance

Julie Bissinger, Attorney  
Ely Ryder, Attorney  
Mike Perkins  
Tracy L. Allen, Court Reporter, Ace Merit Court Reporters

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Motion made by M. Fehn, seconded by B. Pickering to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried by the committee.

### Appeal - Original request presented November 15, 2007

Mike Perkins and attorney, Ely Ryder, presented an appeal to the Benefits Committee. City attorney, Julie Bissinger presented the city's position. All of the facts of the case were discussed in open session immediately following the appeal presentation.

Members reviewed all exhibits and facts submitted by Mr. Perkins and the City of Cincinnati. After discussion, the Benefits Committee ruled that the service in question did not meet the eligibility requirements for purchase in CRS. For eligibility, the service had to be eligible at the time of employment. Accordingly, the request of Mr. Perkins was denied.

### *Committee Action:*

Motion made by D. Beets and seconded by B. Pickering to deny the appeal for service purchase by Mr. Perkins. Motion carried by the Benefits Committee.

### VOTE:

Michael Rachford	Yes
Donald Beets	Yes
Michael Fehn	No
John Walsh	Yes
Brian Pickering	Yes

## **New Business**

1. B. Pickering presented a draft of the Purchase Out-of-State and Federal Retirement System Service guidelines. J. Boudinot recommended to include clarification: “additional years of service credit time purchased will not be counted for vesting purposes”.

### *Committee Action*

Motion made by D. Beets, seconded by M. Rachford to table further review of the document until next meeting. Motion carried by the committee. Members will review document further and address in meeting scheduled for 10AM February 7, 2008.

2. D. Beets recommended the Benefits Committee meet every two weeks. The purpose of the additional meeting will be to address governance guidelines for the Benefits Committee.

Members agreed to meeting additionally once a month. Next meeting scheduled for 10AM Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Investment Committee. All members will be notified of the new meeting dates of Benefits Committee.

J. Walsh made motion to adjourn, M. Fehn seconded. Meeting was adjourned: 4:20PM