



## **City of Cincinnati Retirement System Benefits Committee Minutes**

May 28, 2009 12:00 P.M.  
City Hall – Conference Room B

The Chair declared a quorum and called the meeting to order: 12:05 P.M.

### Present

Michael Fehn, Vice Chair  
Brian Pickering  
Michael Rachford

### Staff present:

John Dietz  
Roshani Hardin  
Cheryl Volk, Recorder

### Absent

Don Beets  
Bryan Schmitt

### **MINUTES**

B. Pickering made a motion to accept the April 30, 2009 minutes. M. Fehn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- Eligible Retiree Dependent Family Members
  - Administration to obtain sample questionnaires to assist in the development of a standardized form for retirees.
  - Tom Gamel, retiree, requested when developing deadlines, the committee have special consideration for members diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or other mental challenges.
  - Roshani Hardin, Chief Counsel, will adjust the language to clarify the penalties. Present finalized Ordinance to the Benefits Committee and Board of Trustees meetings June 4, 2009.
- Cranley Motion: "Securing the Future of the Cincinnati Pension System"
  - Benefits Committee to forward a communication to City Council outlining the unresolved issues and the committee's concerns regarding the motion.

### ***Committee Action***

M. Fehn made a motion to send the communication to the Board of Trustees for approval and to forward to City Council. B. Pickering seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- Ordinance for Service Credit Purchase of Leave of Absence (LOA). The Benefits Committee and the Board of Trustees had previously approved the draft ordinance. Per request of the Law Department, Human Resources reviewed the document and found no issues or concerns with the language.

***Committee Action***

B. Pickering made a motion to send a transmittal to City Council for approval of the Ordinance for Service Credit Purchase of LOA. M. Fehn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Military Service Purchase Request
  - The Committee reviewed a member's request to purchase up to 5-years military service credit. The Benefits Committee acknowledged the current 3-year limit for purchase of military service credit as consistent with the Cincinnati Municipal Code (CMC). The Benefits Committee viewed the 3-year limit as fair practice and agreed that increasing the limit would not be cost-neutral for the city and not advisable at this time. Therefore, the request was denied. M. Rachford to contact the member.
- Federal Service Purchase request
  - The Committee reviewed a member's request to purchase part-time federal service credit. A review of the member's records and the criteria for federal service purchase indicated the request fell outside the provisions for service purchase. The request was denied. Administration to contact member.

**DISABILITY REPORT**

Elizabeth Christy - Disability Approved

***Committee Action***

B. Pickering made motion to adjourn the meeting of the Benefits Committee. Motion seconded by M. Rachford and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned 2:00 P.M.