



**CITY OF ROYAL OAK RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A meeting of the Retirement Board of Trustees was conducted remotely via Zoom Video Conference, on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Paul Brake joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

**Attendance / Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Lee Collick, attending from Royal Oak, Michigan - Chairperson  
Bret Nelson, attending from Troy, Michigan - Vice Chairperson  
Kyle DuBuc, attending from Royal Oak, Michigan – Trustee  
Paul Brake, attending from Royal Oak, Michigan – Trustee  
Monica Hunt, attending from Royal Oak, Michigan - Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Rudd - Bd Chief Administrative Officer/ Bd Secretary/Bd Treasurer  
Lisa Genord – Financial Analyst / Pension Technician  
Tom Michaud – Bd Attorney with VanOverbeke, Michaud, & Timmony  
Terry Gerlich – Investment Advisor with SEI

**Public Comment**

Members of the public were able to participate in the meeting by joining on Zoom Webinar using Meeting ID 83393150699 & password 781191. Participation could be either online or by calling in:  
Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83393150699?pwd=QUZaelZ3eGpMY041cDU2WkZvRUlFdz09>  
iPhone: 1 929 205 6099 or 1 301 715 8592  
Phone: 1 929 205 6099 or 1 301 715 8592 or 1 312 626 6799 or 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782 or 1 346 248 7799. There were no public attendees / comments.

**Board approval of the agenda for the June 11, 2021 meeting**

*Moved by Lee Collick to approve the agenda for the June 11, 2021 meeting.  
Supported by Bret Nelson.  
MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

**Board approval of the draft minutes for the May 21, 2021 meeting**

*Moved by Lee Collick to approve the draft minutes for the May 21, 2021 meeting.  
Supported by Bret Nelson  
MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

**Request that the Board approve Adjustments, Applications and Benefits as follows:**

**Adjustments**

None

**Applications**

None

## **Retirement Benefits**

Catherine M. Szydowski, of the police department, ROPOA bargaining unit, 26 years and 8 months of service credit. Retirement date of March 26, 2021. Selected Option SL- Straight Life – Regular, \$5,285.86 gross monthly benefit with withdrawal of contributions / interest of \$92,877.10.

*Moved by Lee Collick to approve the gross monthly benefit payment of \$5,285.86 to Catherine M. Szydowski and withdrawal of contributions / interest of \$92,877.10.*

*Supported by Bret Nelson*

*MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

Christopher N. Annetta, of the police department, PCOA bargaining unit, 25 years (purchased 8.5 months contract time) of service credit. **Amended** retirement date of April 16, 2021 (previously April 15, 2021). Selected Option D 75% to surviving spouse \$6,535.81 gross monthly benefit with withdrawal of contributions / interest of \$95,830.06.

*Moved by Lee Collick to approve the gross monthly benefit payment of \$6,535.81 to Christopher N. Annetta and withdrawal of contributions / interest of \$95,830.06.*

*Supported by Bret Nelson*

*MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

## **INVESTMENTS**

SEI investment report, presented by Terry Gerlich

Market value/allocation of assets as of May 31, 2021, equaled \$183,535,175

One-month performance (except core property) – total portfolio outperformed benchmark: 1.31% return vs. 1.16% index.

Three-month performance – total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 6.00% return vs. 5.28% index.

YTD performance - total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 7.81% return vs. 6.57% index

One-year performance – total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 32.84% return vs. 28.14% index.

Three-year performance – total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 12.15% return vs. 11.27% index.

Five-year performance – total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 12.06% return vs. 11.14% index.

Inception - total portfolio outperformed the benchmark: 9.19% return vs. 8.49% index.

Terry reported that global equity markets advanced during May for the fourth straight month. European stocks were the top-performing major market, followed by the UK. International and emerging-market equities outperformed domestic markets. U.S. equities generated a monthly return of 0.47% (as represented by the Russell 1000 index). Within U.S. equities, energy and materials companies registered strong returns. Meanwhile, consumer discretionary and utilities companies underperformed other sectors. Large-cap stocks beat small-cap stocks and value stocks outperformed growth stocks. The U.S Treasury yield curve modestly flattened during the month. Rates declined across most maturities during May with the most pronounced moves centered on intermediate-to-long term rates. The Federal Open Market Committee did not hold a monetary-policy meeting in May and made no significant policy changes following its late-April meeting. The federal funds rate remained near zero and asset purchases were set to continue at a level of \$80 billion in U.S. Treasuries and \$40 billion in agency mortgage-backed securities per month. West Texas Intermediate crude-oil prices crept up to their highest level since late 2018 during May as energy demand continued to increase. Terry reported that May was a quiet month and that all gains were driven by international equities. Terry also reported inflation concerns will continue to be the focus for the rest of 2021, however investors currently feel that inflationary pressures are transitory, which is helping to keep the market calm.

The complete report is on file in the finance office.

*Moved by Lee Collick to receive and file report.*

*Supported by Bret Nelson*

*MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

SEI Core Property Fund, LP – Withdrawal Request Documents

Julie Rudd requested that the board make a motion to provide her, as the retirement board chief administrative officer, authority to disregard the enclosed SEI withdrawal request documents as currently received and when received in the future (annually). Julie Rudd also stated that any core property withdrawal requests would be brought to the board by the SEI investment advisor, Terry Gerlich. Tom Michaud, board attorney, stated that he was in agreement with Julie Rudd's request with the understanding that any future action / changes would be brought to the boards attention.

*Moved by Lee Collick to provide Julie Rudd authority to disregard the annual / routine SEI core property fund withdrawal request documents.*

*Supported by Bret Nelson*

*MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*

## **LEGAL**

None

## **OTHER**

Request for formal board acknowledgement - Bret Nelson is the police / fire representative Retirement Board Trustee based upon the election process - his new term will expire 5/31/2025.

Lee Collick formally acknowledged Bret Nelson as the police / fire representative Retirement Board Trustee, with his new term expiring 5/31/2025.

## **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am Friday, July 16, 2021, via remote Zoom webinar.

*Moved by Lee Collick to adjourn the meeting (8:16 a.m.) and confirmed the meeting for July 16, 2021, at 8:00 am.*

*Supported by Bret Nelson*

*MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0*