



# Austin Police Retirement System

## MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Location: Kendall Thomas, Chesley Wood Building, 2520 South IH-35, Suite 100

### Board Members Present

Tyler Link, Chair  
Keith Harrison,  
Vice Chair  
Sheldon (Scott) Askew  
Michael Cowden  
Nicholas (Nick) Moore  
Diana Thomas  
Kathie Tovo  
Belinda Weaver  
Chesley Wood

### Consultants Present

Chuck Campbell  
Alyca Garrison  
Ryan Falls  
Lewis Ward  
Mark Harkrider  
Arturo Montemayor

### Staff Present

Pattie Featherston  
Stephanie Willie  
Michelle Ruland  
Jennifer Grahmann

### Guests Present

Ashley Rendon  
Andrew Romero  
Thomas Villareal

### Board Members Absent

Thomas Hugonnett  
Carl Zimmerman

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Tyler Link called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and roll call was taken.

#### II. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings held on June 16, 2021
- B. Approval of Membership Transactions for June 2021
- C. CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
  - 1. New Retired Members
  - 2. Forward DROP Activity
  - 3. PROP Disbursements
  - 4. Service Credit Purchases
  - 5. Retiree Survivor & Death Benefit Payments
- D. Treasury Report for May 2021

**Motion made by Belinda Weaver to approve the consent agenda items. Motion seconded by Michael Cowden. Motion passed.**

- III. Presentations by the System Consulting Actuary – Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company
- A. Basic Overview of Actuarial Matters
  - B. Annual Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2020
  - C. Report of the Actuarial Review of the Cost of Permissive Service Credit

Ryan Falls and Lewis Ward, consulting actuaries with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS), provided an orientation related to actuarial matters. They also presented the results of the annual actuarial valuation, the results of which reflect recently passed legislation to improve the actuarial funding of the System. The unfunded actuarial liability can now be amortized over a 30-year period.

The actuaries also presented the results of an experience study which assessed the cost of allowing members to purchase Permissive Service Credit. GRS recommended two different options for an increase in the cost to provide a suitable risk premium that would protect the System from adverse experience and keep the cost of the purchase in line with state law that requires members pay the actuarial present value of the enhanced benefit achieved through the purchase.

**Motion by Nicholas (Nick) Moore to adopt the actuarial valuation. Motion seconded by Michael Cowden. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Tyler Link to table the consideration of the cost of Permissive Service Credit to the August meeting. Motion seconded by Sheldon (Scott) Askew. Keith Harrison abstained. Motion passed.**

- IV. Report of the Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Audit – Montemayor Britton Bender PC
- A. Independent Auditor’s Report
  - B. Communications With Those Charged With Governance

Arturo (Archie) Montemayor presented the annual audit findings for Fiscal Year 2020 including the review of the APRS Annual Financial Report. The System’s independent auditor, Montemayor Britton Bender PC, issued an unqualified opinion on the System’s financial statements. The opinion is the best report an independent auditor may issue. It indicates the APRS financial statements are presented fairly and are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the U.S.

**Motion by Sheldon (Scott) Askew to adopt the 2020 financial audit. Motion seconded by Nicholas (Nick) Moore. Motion passed.**

V. Consideration of the 2020 Annual Financial Report

Executive Director Pattie Featherston presented the 2020 Annual Financial Report. It includes the auditor's opinion, the annual actuarial valuation of data as of December 31, 2020, and disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. It also includes the Recognition Award for Administration, 2020, from the Public Pension Coordinating Council. Once adopted the report will be submitted to the Texas Pension Review Board as required by state law.

**Motion by Michael Cowden to adopt the 2020 Annual Financial Report. Motion seconded by Chesley Wood. Motion passed.**

VI. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director had nothing further to report.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Link adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



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**Tyler Link**  
**Chair, Board of Trustees**