

Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association

October 27, 2022

Investment Committee Meeting / Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Investment Committee Meeting:

Wells Fargo (WF), the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association (EPFRA) investment advisor, presented 2022 third quarter results to the Board. Investment performance year to date is -19.09 percent. The State Board of Investment return over this same time period has been -19.87 percent. The market has been in bear territory since January 2022. As of September 30, 2022 the portfolio value was \$20,261,700. The pension is approximately 99 percent funded. Allocation of funds, in the form of percentages, is as follows:

Asset Class	Current allocation %	Target Allocation %
Cash Alternatives	0.43	0.00
Fixed Income	37.81	35.00
Equities	53.81	55.00
Real Assets	7.95	10.00

According to WF a recession is expected in early 2023. Stocks, as a rule, are historically 4 months ahead of the actual market. Yields on bonds have fallen as the Fed continues to raise interest rates to fight inflation. WF recommends “staying the course” based on historical data, and consider investment in private real estate.

Regular Meeting:

In attendance: Tammy Wilson, Tom Wilson, Scott Gerber, Brain Sykes, Travis Dahlke, Kathy Nelson, Collin O’Brien, Aaron Casper.

President O’Brien called the regular meeting of the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association (EPFRA) Board of Trustees to order at 6:04 PM.

The minutes from the September 22, 2022 EPFRA Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as made by Mr. Casper. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Officer’s Reports:

President: No report

Vice President: No report

Secretary: The Office of the State Auditor’s Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association Working Group began meeting on October 19, 2022. A list of topics for consideration is under review.

Treasurer:

Account Balances

Special Account	\$100,897.01
General Account	\$ 96,361.36

Accounts Payable / Special Account

Pension Benefits	\$ 91,584.01
ADP (payroll)	\$ 317.24

Accounts Payable / General Account

Sterling Catering (Annual Appreciation Event)	\$ 9,100.00
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Accounts Receivable / Special Account

Wells Fargo	\$ 95,600.00
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Accounts Receivable / General Account

City of Eden Prairie (FF dues)	\$ 312.29
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Unfinished Business:

Because of the ongoing difficulty in meeting the quorum requirement of 30 percent for meetings of the membership, the Board is proposing a change to our bylaws that would reduce the quorum requirement to 10 percent of the membership for the annual and special meetings of the membership. The 10 percent quorum requirement is the minimum percentage allowed under Minnesota State Statute Chapter 317A.451 subd. 1.

Article 7 paragraph 4 of the EPFRA Bylaws currently states that a quorum is “ A majority of the Board of Trustees then in office and thirty percent (30%) of all members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at their respective meetings.”...

The proposed bylaw change to Article 7 paragraph 4 would state that “A majority of the Board of Trustees then in office and ten percent (10%) of all members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at their respective meetings.”...

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson for the Board to approve the change to the bylaws and call a special meeting of the membership on December 8, 2022 to vote on the bylaw change. Mr. Dahlke seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

New Business:

Wells Fargo will provide a virtual training class on November 15, 2022 to the fire department, as well as to all interested members of the Relief Association, on investment basics. The EPFD will be sending a link to attend the class to all members of the relief association. Future classes will be offered on a quarterly basis.

The next regular meeting of the EPFRA Board of trustees will be on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Station One.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Casper. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Wilson, Secretary
EPFRA Board of Trustees