

**PALM TRAN ATU LOCAL 1577
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
JANUARY 20, 2009**

Chairperson Dwight Mattingly called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. in the Dale R. Smith Conference Room at Palm Tran North Facility, 3201 Electronics Way, West Palm Beach, Florida.

TRUSTEES

Dwight Mattingly
Frank Stanzone
Liz Bloeser
Nancy Bolton

OTHERS PRESENT

Bonni Jensen, Hanson, Perry & Jensen
Bob Sugarman, Sugarman & Susskind
Chad Little, Freiman Little Actuaries
Nick Schiess, Pension Resource Center
Laverne Blackwood, Palm Tran
Other Visitors

DISCUSSION ON FUNDING OF PLAN

Chad Little provided and discussed an analysis of the current funding status of the Plan. He reported that the amount of the actual employer contributions to the Plan was approximately \$220K less than the required contributions for the 2008 fiscal year. Mr. Little discussed the historical funding of the Plan noting that while the funding requirements had increased over time, the employer contribution rate had remained constant at the level specified within the bargaining agreement and prior shortfalls had been funded from a credit balance.

Mr. Little was questioned whether this current deficit could be funded from any remaining credit balance and he responded that the credit balance had already been completely depleted. It was noted that the employer contribution rate was set at 13.0% pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a question arose regarding the status of the funding deficit if it remained unpaid to the Plan. Mr. Little advised that the deficit would then rollover into the 2009 fiscal year.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the long-term funding of the Plan and it was noted that the current employer contribution rate would almost certainly result in similar or even greater shortfalls prospectively. It was also noted that the employer contribution rate was a matter of collective bargaining and beyond the Board's authority. The Board directed the Administrator to correspond with the Palm Beach County Administration office, advising of both the approximate deficit for the 2008 fiscal year and also that prospective shortages are also anticipated. The correspondence was to include the Board's recommendation that the County and Union commence discussions of this matter as soon as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dwight Mattingly discussed the details of several proposed amendments to the charter of the Florida Public Pension Trustees' Association that will be considered at an upcoming trustees' school. Mr. Mattingly advised that he would be attending the school and requested the Board's direction for voting on the amendments. **A motion was**

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made by Nancy Bolton for voting in favor of Amendment Seven. The motion was seconded and carried 4-0. A motion was made by Liz Bloeser for voting in favor of Amendment Eight. The motion was seconded and carried 4-0.

Mr. Mattingly reported that he had been invited by the Florida Public Pension Trustees' Association to participate on a committee and questioned whether it was appropriate to obtain reimbursement for related expenses from the Plan. **A motion was made by Liz Bloeser to approve Mr. Mattingly's expenses incurred while participating in the Florida Public Pension Trustees' Association committee. The motion was seconded and carried 4-0.**

With there being no other business and the next quarterly meeting scheduled for February 26, 2009, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 P.M.

Secretary