

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 AT 9:30AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Members present: Chair Phyllis Shaw, Vice Chair David Keller, Secretary Robert Strauss, Barbara Armand, Jeffrey Greene, and George Keller. Also present: Executive Director Christine Bailey; and Ronald Cohen of Lorium Law.

A. January 30, 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda

MOTION made by Trustee D. Keller, seconded by Trustee Greene, to adopt the January 30, 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda as presented. In a voice vote of the members present, all members voted in favor. **Motion** passed 6-0.

3. LEGAL (Ron Cohen – Lorium Law)

A. Member DROP Account Distribution and Monthly Benefit Payments

Mr. Cohen provided a brief review of the Board's January 14th discussion, and the draft language prepared for proposed changes to the City Ordinance. Trustee G. Keller acknowledged a conflict. Mr. Cohen noted that the three AFSCME collective bargaining agreements required a resignation from City employment prior to the end of DROP period and advised that the requirement was not in the ordinance.

The Board discussed the language for the proposed changes to the City Ordinance and requested that the draft language be changed include in-service distributions for DROP for members younger than 59½, if it was allowable and to allow in-service distribution only after the end of the maximum DROP participation period or for those who had not completed their maximum DROP participation period, upon separation of service. The Board also discussed removing the 32-year limit on DROP participation.

Mr. Cohen noted that the proposed language for DROP included a limitation on the received of monthly retirement benefits.

MOTION made by Trustee D. Keller, seconded by Trustee Strauss, to extend the meeting. In a voice vote of the members present, all members voted in favor. **Motion** passed 6-0.

The Board requested a Special Meeting to review changes to the draft language on February 12, 2025 at 2:00p.m.

The Board noted that, with the retirement of Trustee Armand, there would be two vacancies on the Board. Ms. Bailey reminded the Board that the Ordinance states that in the case of a vacancy of an elected employee member, the Board could appoint a successor who meets the qualification for the vacated office.

MOTION made by Trustee D. Keller, seconded by Trustee Greene, to appoint to fill the remainder of Trustee Armand's term, the person who receives the most votes in the election, as long as there are no challenges. In a roll call vote of the members present, all members voted in favor. **Motion** passed 6-0.

Chair Shaw noted that the motion was added on as it was not a part of the original Agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS


There were no other public comments.

5. TRUSTEE REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS


There were no Trustee reports, questions or comments.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Trustee Greene, seconded by Trustee G. Keller, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote by the members present, **Motion** passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m.



Phyllis Shaw, Chair



Date

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME Keller, George		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE City of Hollywood Employees' Retirement Fund	
MAILING ADDRESS 2600 Hollywood Boulevard		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY Hollywood	COUNTY Broward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY	<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED Discussion on January 30, 2025		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: Hollywood FL	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, George Keller, hereby disclose that on January 30, 2025, 20 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

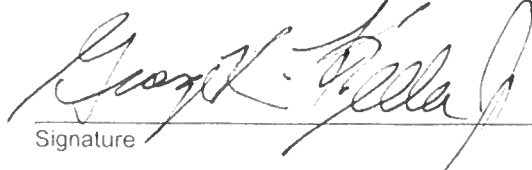
- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

There was no vote., but only a discussion on a measure before the Board., of which I am a member. I announced the conflict and took part in the discussion. The issue before the Board was whether to recommend changes to the City and the union on the benefit structure, and what changes to recommend. The benefit changes would effect me.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

2-13-25
Date Filed


Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.