

City of Melbourne



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MINUTES MELBOURNE MUNICIPAL GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT TRUST FUND

City Hall Council Chamber
900 E. Strawbridge Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

August 13, 2025 • 3:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Chris Johnson, Chair
Robert Lattig, Vice-Chair
Lisa Solina, Board Member
Shawn Bacon, Secretary
Ronald Streiff, Board Member

Also Present:

Bonni Jensen, Board Attorney
Kerry Richardville, Mariner Institutional
David Kelly, Bowen Hanes & Company

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robert Lattig, Vice-Chair at 3:02 p.m.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes Dated May 14, 2025

Mr. Lattig asked the Board members if they had reviewed the minutes dated May 14, 2025. All Board members had reviewed the minutes.

Lisa Solina/Shawn Bacon moved to approve the minutes dated May 14, 2025.
All were in favor. Motion carried.



B. NEW BUSINESS

4. Approval of Invoices

- a. Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson Dated May 31, 2025 for \$975.00 and June 30, 2025 for \$500.00
- b. Mariner Institutional, LLC Dated June 30, 2025 for \$5,524.86
- c. City of Melbourne Revenue Office Dated July 1, 2025 for \$1,800.00
- d. Agincourt Capital Management Dated July 21, 2025 for \$1,952.70
- e. Bowen, Hanes & Company Dated July 1, 2025 for \$3,288.76
- f. Dana Investment Advisors Dated July 10, 2025 for \$3,866.60
- g. Fifth Third Bank Dated July 7, 2025 for \$1,347.01
- h. Foster & Foster, Inc. Dated July 24, 2025 for \$6,848.00
- i. King Risk Partners Dated July 10, 2025 for \$3,444.10

Mr. Lattig asked the Board Members if they had reviewed the invoices. All Board members had reviewed the invoices.

Lisa Solina/Shawn Bacon moved to approve payment of invoices to Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson, Mariner Institutional, City of Melbourne, Agincourt Capital Management, Bowen Hanes & Company, Dana Investment Advisors, Fifth Third Bank, Foster & Foster, Inc., and King Risk Partners. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Quarterly Reports

Bowen Hanes & Company

Mr. David Kelly presented the quarterly performance report and investment summary ending June 30, 2025. He addressed the trade/tariff strategy since Liberation Day on April 2nd with the deregulation of tax rates extended. Markets priced a 10% global baseline tariff on imports, as the US continued tariff deals with approximately 35 other countries. Trading with China was the wildcard.



The market value of the portfolio as of August 8, 2025 was \$2,246,136.91. The market was driven by Technology stocks such as Apple, IBM, Microsoft, and Nvidia. Quarterly purchases included Corning, IBM, KKR & Company, and Nvidia. Quarterly sales included IBM, Tesla Motors, and Thermo Fisher. Mr. Kelly stated that the portfolio returned 10.5% compared to the Russell 3000 Index of 11.7%. Mr. Lattig asked about tariff concerns. Mr. Kelly believed that the bluster of tariffs and the threat to open other economies to US goods had subsided. Mr. Lattig asked about the portfolio turnover and the risk of capital gains. Mr. Kelly replied the current turnover rate was approximately 25% and he had no concerns over the large capital gains as they were non-taxable. Mr. Kelly thanked the Board for their continued trust in Bowen Hanes & Company.

Mariner Institutional

Kerry Richardville informed the Board that the firm once again received the Coalition Greenwich Best Investment Consultant Award for 2024-2025, which recognized quality leaders in institutional investment consulting services. She stated that since AndCo Consulting joined Mariner a year ago, the firm had attained a client retention rate and employee retention rate of 99% through March 2025, and expanded resources with multiple support teams in finance, accounting, research, compliance, technology, and marketing.

Ms. Richardville continued with the quarterly results ending June 30, 2025. She stated that AI trading led the market, the US dollar weakened, interest rates moved slightly, and Germany continued to spend on defense and infrastructure. The major market index performance was strong, with domestic and international equity benchmarks in double-digits and fixed income had positive but muted returns. The ending market value of the portfolio was \$11,021,901 with an allocation of 44.8% domestic equity, 10.6% international equity, 37.7% domestic fixed income, 4.7% global fixed income, and 2.2% cash. Ms. Richardville stated that the asset allocation was within the investment policy targets.

Ms. Richardville reviewed the portfolio returns. The total fund net of fees returned 7.74% for the quarter and 4.78% for the fiscal year. The domestic equity composite returned 12.76% with a slight weakness to Eaton Vance SMID Cap. The international equity composite returned 15.40% with strong returns from American Funds, DFA, and WCM Focused. Domestic fixed income with Agincourt returned 1.34% and global fixed income with PIMCO returned 2.05% for the quarter.

C. TRUSTEES COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.



D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

6. Board Updates - Bonni Jensen

Ms. Jensen reviewed Florida House Bill 1519 effective July 1, 2025, "Entities that Boycott Israel" amending Chapter 215.4725 Florida Statutes. The bill expanded state public investment and contracting prohibitions to include local governments, and prohibited contracts of \$100,000 or more with companies or other entities that boycott Israel. New or renewed contracts after July 1, 2025 must contain a termination provision if the company or entity is placed on the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel list. The bill also required the State Board of Administration (SBA) and the Department of Management Services (DMS) to collaborate and identify those companies or entities that the state currently contracts or had grant agreements. Ms. Jensen recommended that the Plan's Investment Consultant add language to the current Investment Policy Statement and distribute the information to all investment managers.

Ms. Jensen reviewed the June 20, 2025 Supreme Court opinion on *Stanley versus City of Sanford*, which held that retirees were not "qualified individuals" under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Stanley, a former firefighter, who had retired under non-duty disability, alleged disability discrimination in violation of the ADA and other state and federal laws based on the City of Sanford's health insurance related benefits. The Supreme Court held that to prevail under ADA, the plaintiff must plead or prove that they could perform the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation, at the time the employer's alleged act of disability-based discrimination. Ms. Jensen stated that the case was only relevant should the Board be faced with a disability applicant who at the same time, brings an ADA complaint against the plan sponsor.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chris Johnson, Chair at 3:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Chase".

Jennifer Chase, Recording Secretary
Melbourne Municipal General Employees'
Retirement Trust Fund Board