MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD
Mercer County Employee's Retirement System
March 9, 2023

Members in Attendance	Present	Absent	By Phone
Timothy M. McGonigle, Commissioner	✔	☐	☐
Scott Boyd, Commissioner	✔	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell, Commissioner	✔	☐	☐
Amber White, Treasurer	☐	✔	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II, Controller	✔	☐	☐

Advisory Committee Present: n/a

Others Present: Mr. Jared Hoffacker, Mrs. Ann Morrison, Mr. William Madden, Mrs. Jennifer Hamilton, Mrs. Lee Ann Nucerino.

Motion to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes:

Vote to approve previous minutes:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	☐	✔	✔	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐

Motion to accept the following refunds, retirements, and buybacks completed as of March 9, 2023 and listed below:

Refunds:
James Breth
Taylor Ditmer
Christine Hensel
Kendra Hockenberry
Shaun Keck
Kimberly Kellner
Dale Linton
Willie Smith
Cassandra Stiles
Pamela Thomas

Retirements:
        John Gadola
        Patrick Farrone
        Richard Adamo
        Rise Dunham
        John Logan
        Crescencia Padron
        Darlene Raiti

Vote to accept refunds, retirements, and buybacks:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	✓	☐	✓	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	☐	✓	✓	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✓	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✓	☐	☐

Motion to approve the preliminary 4th quarter, December 31, 2022 report submitted to the Retirement Board and Advisory Board by JFS Wealth Advisors:

Vote to accept quarterly report:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	☐	✓	✓	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	✓	☐	✓	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✓	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✓	☐	☐

Stephen J. Sherman, II, controller, reported the following position of the Mercer County Retirement System from the quarterly report. Amounts listed were current as of the quarterly report date:

Net assets (fair market value) : $98,840,505
Change in net assets quarter to date : $7,836,816 year to date : ($17,293,715)
Rate of return quarter to date : 8.57 % year to date : (14.65 %)

Target allocation range for investment classes (as stated in Mercer County's Investment Policy Statement)

> Large Growth – Below Limit
> Large Value – Above Limit
> Small Blend – Above Limit
> Small Value – Above Limit
> Foreign Large Value – Above limit
> Alternative – Below limit

Trailing 10 year – Rate of return 7.67 %
Benchmark – 6.98 %

COMMENTS: Controller Sherman commended the efforts of the retirement board in finishing 2022 above the market index. Overall Mercer County's performance was better than market performance in a historically challenging year. Commissioner McConnell agreed and referenced the sound investment policies of the retirement board over previous years. He also encouraged the board to stay vigilant in the years to come.

Vote to accept report:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	☐	✔	✔	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐

Motion to rebalance Mercer County Retirement Fund as recommended by JFS Wealth Advisors to 100% target:

CS McKee is recommending moving the fixed income mandate managed by C.S. McKee from the Intermediate Aggregate Strategy to the Aggregate Strategy. The corresponding benchmark should also change from the Barclay's Intermediate Aggregate Index to the Barclay's Aggregate Index. C.S. McKee will determine the most opportune time to implement the change once it is approved by the board to take advantage of optimal market conditions.

Adjust:
Edgewood/Harbor Capital from 15.5 % to 9.3 %
DFA Core increase to 7.2 %
Vanguard Value from 15.5 % to 10.5 %
DFA Emerging Markets from 5% to 6 %
Taxable Bonds from 25 % to 28 %

Vote to rebalance:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	☐	✔	✔	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐

Old Business: none

New Business: PTG PensionPro will be upgraded to PensionPro+ including additional security and functionality enhancements at no additional cost to the county.

Comments by the Advisory Board, Residents, and Taxpayers of Mercer County: none

Questions of the Media: none

Motion to adjourn Retirement Board meeting:

Vote to adjourn:					
	Moved	**2nd**	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**
Timothy M. McGonigle	☐	✔	✔	☐	☐
Scott Boyd	✔	☐	✔	☐	☐
Matthew B. McConnell	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐
Amber White	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stephen J. Sherman II	☐	☐	✔	☐	☐