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CITY OF PONTIAC  
RECEIVERSHIP TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016  
1:00 P.M.

Meeting before the RTAB Board at  
47450 Woodward Avenue, 2nd Floor, Council  
Chambers, Pontiac, Michigan 48342, on Wednesday,  
February 17, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Edward Koryzno, Chairperson  
Keith Sawdon, Member  
Robert Burgess, Member  
Douglas Bernstein, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Widigan (Department of Treasury)  
Joseph Sobota (City Administrator)  
Nevrus Nazarko (Director of Finance)  
Mayor Deirdre Waterman (City of Pontiac)  
Deputy Mayor Jane Bais-DiSessa (City of  
Pontiac)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:

Stacia Watkins  
John Bueno  
Billie Swazer  
Patrice Herman (Council President)  
Randy Carter (Councilman)  
Linda Hasson  
Kermit Williams (Councilman)  
Kone Bowman (Trustee)

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1 PONTIAC, MICHIGAN; WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

2 1:03 P.M.

3 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. Good  
4 afternoon. It's 1:03 p.m., and I will call the City  
5 of Pontiac Receivership Transition Advisory Board  
6 meeting to order for Wednesday, February 17th, 2016.

7 Mr. Widigan, roll call, please.

8 MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Sawdon?

9 MEMBER SAWDON: Here.

10 MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Burgess?

11 MEMBER BURGESS: Here.

12 MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Koryzno?

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Here.

14 MR. WIDIGAN: Mr. Bernstein?

15 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: Here.

16 MR. WIDIGAN: A quorum is present.

17 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you.

18 Reminder to the public, if you intend to speak at  
19 the public comment portion of the meeting, it's  
20 necessary for you to sign the sheet on the table in  
21 the back of the room where the agendas are located.  
22 If you do not sign up, unfortunately, you will not  
23 be recognized.

24 Item B, Approval of Agenda. Entertain  
25 a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

1 MEMBER SAWDON: I'll make that motion.  
2 MEMBER BURGESS: Support.  
3 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,  
4 supported by Burgess. Any discussion? Seeing none,  
5 all in favor of the motion say "Aye."

6 (All ayes.)  
7 THE ~~COURT~~ <sup>chairperson</sup>: Opposed, same sign. The  
8 agenda is approved as presented.

9 Item C, Approval of Minutes.  
10 Entertain a motion to approve the RTAB minutes of  
11 January 20th, 2016 as presented.

12 MEMBER BURGESS: I'll make that  
13 motion.

14 MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

15 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by  
16 Burgess, supported by Sawdon to approve the minutes.  
17 Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the  
18 motion say "Aye."

19 (All ayes.)

20 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
21 sign. The minutes are approved as presented.

22 Number II, Old Business, RTAB Final  
23 Evaluation Report. I'll entertain a motion to  
24 approve the RTAB Final Annual Evaluation Report for  
25 the City of Pontiac.

1 MEMBER SAWDON: I'll make that motion.

2 MEMBER BURGESS: Approve.

3 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,  
4 support by Burgess. Discussion?

5 Mr. Widigan, could you provide the  
6 Board with a summary of your comments regarding the  
7 evaluation.

8 I should note for the public, that  
9 staff from the Department of Treasury conducted the  
10 evaluation and spoke to a number of individuals with  
11 the City, and Mr. Widigan will cover those  
12 individuals. This is an evaluation document  
13 instrument that's used throughout all of the cities  
14 that are under an RTAB. Mr. Widigan.

15 MR. WIDIGAN: Yeah. So this  
16 evaluation covers the time period of June 17th of  
17 2015 to January 14th of 2016.

18 The evaluation criteria is developed  
19 based on the City's final order that the emergency  
20 manager left, the Governor appointment letter which  
21 appointed individuals to the Board; and also  
22 criteria is pulled from Public Act 436, which is the  
23 Local Financial Stability and Choice Act of 2012.

24 Collectively, this criteria was  
25 designed to gauge certain performance indicators

1 with a degree of required State oversight,  
2 implementation of best practices by the City and the  
3 City's involvement in future planning.

4 Myself and other Treasury members  
5 interviewed each of the RTAB members individually,  
6 met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the City  
7 Administrator and the Finance Director. We met with  
8 them on the 14th of January. And then that was  
9 taken, and this memo which you see before you was  
10 developed.

11 The City has made significant  
12 financial and operational progress during the  
13 preceding seven months since the last evaluation.

14 Currently, the City's total General  
15 Fund balance is \$10.8 million, and that's as a  
16 result of successful implementation of financial  
17 best practices.

18 Equally notable is the quality of  
19 management and delivery of services to the residents  
20 during the time period of this review. The City's  
21 continued to demonstrate an increase in its ability  
22 to govern itself. As a direct result, a reduced  
23 degree of oversight from this Board is being  
24 recommended.

25 Some of you have seen the article in

1 the Oakland Press that also discusses RTAB  
2 oversight. You know, it obviously notes the  
3 outstanding OPEB litigation, but as I said, with the  
4 significant strides the City has made with that  
5 noting OPEB litigation, it's recommended that the  
6 RTAB continue, but with a reduced degree of  
7 oversight from this Board.

8 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions  
9 for Mr. Widigan from the Board?

10 MEMBER SAWDON: No.

11 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: No.

12 MEMBER BURGESS: No.

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: So the motion to  
14 approve the RTAB Annual Evaluation Report for the  
15 City of Pontiac contains the recommendation that the  
16 RTAB continue, but with a reduced degree of  
17 oversight from the Board.

18 Any further discussion?

19 MEMBER SAWDON: No.

20 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All in favor of  
21 the motion say "Aye."

22 (All ayes.)

23 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
24 sign. The motion is approved.

25 Item III, New Business. Approval of

1 Resolutions and Ordinances for City Council  
2 Meetings.

3 There are four City Council meetings  
4 that took place in January, and if the Board so  
5 desires, unless anyone has a desire to remove an  
6 item from one of those Board meetings, we could, in  
7 a consent motion, approve all of those Board  
8 meetings in one motion.

9 MEMBER SAWDON: Well, I'll motion that  
10 we approve January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th  
11 meetings.

12 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: I'll second that.

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right. It's  
14 been moved by Sawdon, support by Bernstein to  
15 approve the meetings of January 7th, 14th, 21st and  
16 28th of 2016.

17 Any discussion? Seeing none, all in  
18 favor of the motion say "Aye."

19 (All ayes.)

20 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
21 sign. The motion is approved.

22 Item B, City Administrator Items.  
23 Number 1, Approval of Professional Services  
24 Agreement with Tony Saunders. Mr. Sobota.

25 MR. SOBOTA: As was indicated earlier,

1 the issue of OPEB litigation continues. The City  
2 had used the services of Mr. Tony Saunders. We have  
3 reached our \$10,000 limit. And speaking with the  
4 Mayor and the Finance Director, they believe that  
5 his service is very valuable to the City.

6 Unfortunately, due to the nature of litigation, we  
7 don't know how much longer those services will be  
8 needed. So we are requesting continued use of those  
9 services of Mr. Saunders as a consultant in the OPEB  
10 litigation at a rate of \$172.50 per hour, until such  
11 time that litigation is settled. In other words, no  
12 limit.

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: So is it your  
14 recommendation that the \$10,000 limit be replaced in  
15 the EM Order S-334 with no limit?

16 MR. SOBOTA: Actually, this is not  
17 covered under EM Order. This is just below a level  
18 of an EM Order, because we are limited to contracts  
19 and engagements at \$10,000 without permission of  
20 this Board. Now we are asking for permission to  
21 continue to expend in excess of \$10,000, but we're  
22 asking that no limit be placed.

23 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Okay. Thank  
24 you.

25 Any questions for Mr. Sobota from the

1 Board?

2 MEMBER SAWDON: Could you give us an  
3 idea of what services are being provided, please?

4 MR. SOBOTA: I will defer to the Mayor  
5 on that one.

6 MAYOR WATERMAN: I can supply this  
7 information, because Mr. Saunders has been an  
8 important part of mediation. Of course, since Mr.  
9 Sobota is not intrinsically involved in the  
10 mediation, he would not be aware of Mr. Saunders'  
11 role in this.

12 Mr. Saunders has great financial  
13 expertise and has been able to help us where the  
14 attorneys don't have the expertise to work with the  
15 actuarial evaluations, as well as to work with  
16 the -- without giving out a lot of the things that  
17 are going on in mediation -- to work with some of  
18 the other insurance considerations and brokerage  
19 firms. Mr. Saunders has a background and having  
20 been involved -- in fact, he's finance director for  
21 Wayne County right now, and has been involved with  
22 us from the beginning through the attorneys who have  
23 been charged with helping with the mediation and the  
24 litigation.

25 Mr. Sobota and I have a difference

1 about how this should be approached. I don't know  
2 that Mr. Saunders has submitted a contract as such.  
3 The way Mr. Saunders was engaged, was as a  
4 consultant to the attorneys and was brought in under  
5 the attorney's line item for dealing with the GERS  
6 litigation.

7 So, for some reason, Mr. Sobota feels  
8 that needs to be changed. I do not feel so.  
9 There's a difference. However it gets done, however  
10 we need to do it, to continue his engagement, he's a  
11 vital part of getting the answers we need to proceed  
12 with the mediation, which is now in its ninth month,  
13 and he's a very important part of that progress and  
14 attempt to resolve this very important issue. As  
15 you know, that is something that is of prevailing  
16 concern and we have been extended by the judge from  
17 the initial 60 days and want to continue that.

18 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Mr. Nazarko.

19 MR. NAZARKO: If I may. In support of  
20 what the Mayor said and what Mr. Sobota said  
21 earlier, we feel that mediation is coming down the  
22 stretch at some point. And although we are asking  
23 the TAB to increase, to lift that cap of \$10,000,  
24 the Mayor and myself, we are taking every measure  
25 possible to make sure that the time that we spend is

1 the time that we need. And I do not foresee this to  
2 be a problem that -- again, although we ask you to  
3 lift the cap so we do not come before you in three  
4 months and say that, "You know what, we need another  
5 \$10,000", rest assured, personally, I don't believe  
6 that we are going to expend an amount that will be  
7 worrisome to the TAB.

8 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions  
9 for Mayor Waterman or --

10 MEMBER SAWDON: Are we approving the  
11 increase to the legal bill that supports this  
12 person?

13 MR. NAZARKO: Currently -- now  
14 currently there is no -- the \$10,000 that was  
15 approved back five, six months ago, has been  
16 exhausted. So the new services that he has provided  
17 in the last month are not included, but I do have an  
18 invoice, and much less than \$10,000 obviously. But  
19 you are approving going forward, not backward,  
20 basically.

21 MEMBER SAWDON: But again, is the City  
22 paying him directly, or are we paying the legal  
23 firm?

24 MR. NAZARKO: Yes. No, we pay him  
25 directly. Used to be through the legal firm --

1 MR. SOBOTA: Conway MacKenzie. Conway  
2 MacKenzie.

3 MEMBER SAWDON: Okay.

4 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: So has he given an  
5 estimate as far as going forward?

6 MR. NAZARKO: It would be difficult to  
7 get an estimate, Mr. Bernstein, because of the  
8 nature of the litigation and the nature of mediation  
9 that there are factors outside Tony's control and  
10 our control as to when we need it.

11 But, again, we are using the services  
12 sparingly and as needed.

13 MEMBER BURGESS: So I think I've heard  
14 that \$10,000 covered eight or nine months of his  
15 services?

16 MR. NAZARKO: That's a semi-accurate  
17 statement. I believe it's more like six, seven  
18 months. However, the nature -- it depends how often  
19 we meet and all that. So that's not an  
20 indication -- what happened the last six months,  
21 that's not a guarantee that it will happen the next  
22 six months. We may meet more often; we may not meet  
23 in the next two months. It's up to the mediator and  
24 other factors involved in this litigation.

25 MEMBER BURGESS: So would approving an

1 additional \$10,000 hurt the effort?

2 MR. NAZARKO: Approving \$10,000 will  
3 not hurt the effort, however, it will force us again  
4 in two or three months, if needed, to come before  
5 the TAB again and ask for another \$10,000. And that  
6 kind of like, as we try to transition ourselves into  
7 the self-control, you know, this is one of the items  
8 that we would like to have control over as to how we  
9 spend the money in various capacities.

10 MAYOR WATERMAN: Okay. I think the  
11 limit set should only be limits that are tied to the  
12 litigation and mediation, because he's intrinsically  
13 involved in that. So if you're going to set limits  
14 for the attorneys, apply it to litigation and  
15 mediation, which I don't think you have to this  
16 date, then you have to set it for Tony Saunders too,  
17 because it's part and parcel of the same thing. I  
18 don't think we ever set a limit of \$10,000. I would  
19 behoove you to look back in the minutes of the TAB  
20 Board to see if there was ever a \$10,000 placed.

21 So I would contend from the City  
22 Administrator that was never, ever done. He's  
23 imposing that now, and I feel that that is necessary  
24 tantamount to what needs to be done in order for us  
25 to have a hand to proceed with the litigation and

1 the mediation as we need to, and in defense of the  
2 City's best case and best efforts.

3 So, I believe Tony Saunders' bills  
4 should be covered under the same line item as we  
5 have to support the City's efforts for the  
6 litigation and mediation. He is an important part  
7 of that and should continue to be so.

8 MEMBER BURGESS: Did we set a limit  
9 for the attorneys?

10 MR. SOBOTA: Yes. Originally, when  
11 Mr. Saunders was first engaged, he was engaged with  
12 the firm Conway MacKenzie, and this Board set a  
13 limit of \$25,000.

14 When he separated from Conway  
15 MacKenzie, he was engaged in a Personal Services  
16 Agreement with the City under the Final Order. That  
17 limit is \$10,000.

18 The City also, through the approval of  
19 this Board, has a \$50,000 limit on the contract with  
20 Miller Canfield, which of course is being reimbursed  
21 by the State of Michigan.

22 The agreement that we have our regular  
23 City attorney, who is the lead attorney on this, has  
24 no limit, however, that agreement does not permit  
25 the City attorney to engage in any contracts

1 directly with other support. So, for example when  
2 they're going before the Tax Tribunal and they need  
3 to have an appraiser conduct work, I have to  
4 authorize the appraiser as well. So the attorney  
5 does not have any authority to enter into any  
6 agreements within the scope of his work. Anything  
7 extra has to be approved by us, as the City.

8 So, the original limit was \$25,000.  
9 That was essentially exhausted. Second limit was  
10 \$10,000 based on the working arrangement. And now  
11 we're asking that that limit for Mr. Saunders be  
12 lifted, so that it would be treated in the same  
13 manner as our lead attorneys, which would be our  
14 City's law firm, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton.

15 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions  
16 for the Mayor or Mr. Sobota?

17 There's a motion on the floor to  
18 provide for unlimited payment to Mr. Saunders. Any  
19 further discussion?

20 MEMBER SAWDON: I'd like to make a  
21 motion. I'd like to make a motion that the City  
22 continue its relationship with Tony Saunders, but  
23 that we cap that limitation to \$15,000, in hope that  
24 that is enough to get them through the mediation.

25 MR. SOBOTA: Is that an additional

1 \$15,000 or a total of \$15,000?

2 MEMBER SAWDON: From this point  
3 forward, \$15,000.

4 MEMBER BURGESS: I support that.

5 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: The original  
6 person that made that motion originally was --

7 MEMBER SAWDON: I did.

8 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: And the support  
9 was Mr. Burgess. Okay, just procedurally. So the  
10 motion has been amended by the maker and supported  
11 by Mr. Burgess to cap the payment to Mr. Saunders,  
12 removing the unlimited and capping it at \$15,000.

13 MEMBER SAWDON: That's correct.

14 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: An additional  
15 \$15,000.

16 MEMBER SAWDON: And that's a  
17 recommendation to the State Treasurer.

18 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Yes, a  
19 recommendation. Thank you.

20 MR. SOBOTA: Question. Why would that  
21 need to go up to the State Treasurer, because it's  
22 not amending --

23 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: That's true,  
24 it's not an EM Order.

25 Any further discussion? So just for

1 clarification, this is not an EM Order which  
2 requires a recommendation to the State Treasurer.  
3 It's a contractual issue, and the motion on the  
4 floor is to cap additional payment to Mr. Saunders  
5 at \$15,000.

6 Any further discussion? Seeing none,  
7 all in favor of the motion say "Aye."

8 (All ayes.)

9 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
10 sign. The motion is approved.

11 Item 2, EM Order S-331 amendment. Mr.  
12 Sobota.

13 MR. SOBOTA: This would be a  
14 recommendation to the State Treasurer. We would  
15 like to clarify any ambiguity. When Mr. Schimmel  
16 eliminated all wireless services, he also eliminated  
17 the wireless services for laptops that were used by  
18 City Council members. The City Council is agreeing  
19 to go paperless, if they're able to obtain notebook  
20 computers or whatever they're called, that they will  
21 be able to use both at home and in the Council  
22 chambers. That will definitely eliminate the need  
23 of the City Clerk from running paper copies of  
24 everything. So you're talking savings of money, a  
25 savings of man hours there, and also it brings the

1 Pontiac City Council into the 21st century.

2           Considering the City's current  
3 financial situation, this is really negligible in  
4 terms of overall cost impact, and I think the  
5 benefit is the fact that we're actually starting to  
6 operate like hopefully many cities are going to be  
7 operating in the future, which is from a tech  
8 standpoint.

9           So, I have proposed an amendment to  
10 Order S-331, that would essentially allow the City  
11 Council to have paid-for wireless service on their  
12 laptop computers; and to advise the Board, the City  
13 was intending on purchasing new desktop computers  
14 for all of the Council members this year, and this  
15 is actually cheaper than the desktop version.

16           CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions  
17 from the Board for Mr. Sobota? Seeing none, I'll  
18 entertain a motion.

19           MEMBER BURGESS: I move to approve.

20           MEMBER BERNSTEIN: Second.

21           CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by  
22 Burgess, supported by Bernstein to approve.  
23 Discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion  
24 say "Aye."

25           (All ayes.)

1 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
2 sign. The motion is approved.

3 Item 3, 225 Columbia Brownfield  
4 Request. Mr. Sobota.

5 MR. SOBOTA: The Board saw this  
6 initial request either a month or two ago. The new  
7 owners of 225 Columbia are proposing to construct a  
8 new 13,000 square foot trucking office maintenance  
9 building and create 35 to 40 new jobs within three  
10 years of construction. The total investment in the  
11 project is \$1.75 million, of which \$424,000 is  
12 considered reimbursable for eligible activities  
13 under the Brownfield Program.

14 The Board previously released this  
15 project to the Oakland County Brownfield Authority  
16 and they have approved a plan, so now it is the  
17 request that the Board approve this plan as well,  
18 which will later be adopted -- or which has been  
19 adopted by the Oakland County Board of  
20 Commissioners.

21 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Questions for  
22 Mr. Sobota?

23 MEMBER SAWDON: Motion to approve.

24 MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

25 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,

1 support by Burgess. Discussion? Seeing none, all  
2 in favor of the motion say "Aye."

3 (All ayes.)

4 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
5 sign? The motion is approved.

6 Item 4, EM Order S-110 Amendment. Mr.  
7 Sobota.

8 MR. SOBOTA: We actually have a case  
9 of the economy got away from us here in Pontiac.  
10 The City Clerk had advised me that she is losing  
11 election workers for the March Presidential primary,  
12 because the neighboring communities are simply  
13 paying more money than the City of Pontiac. We  
14 apparently haven't increased our pay for our  
15 election workers in at least four years.

16 She did conduct a survey of the  
17 neighboring communities which was provided to the  
18 Board, and I concur that those raises are justified  
19 for the election workers. This does amend Order  
20 S-110, which set the compensation level for election  
21 workers, so this would need to be forwarded to the  
22 State Treasurer as well. However, if the Board does  
23 approve, I think the Clerk may be able to indicate  
24 that the probability of the Treasurer approving  
25 these increases in pay to perspective workers may be

1 enough to either bring some back or cause others not  
2 to leave us.

3 As you know, the election is a very  
4 critical statutory requirement of the Clerk's  
5 office, and I've been in a position already  
6 personally where we had very skeletal staff, and I  
7 don't want to put our current clerk in that  
8 position.

9 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Questions for  
10 Mr. Sobota?

11 MEMBER BURGESS: I move to approve.

12 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by  
14 Burgess, supported by Bernstein. Discussion?

15 Just curious, Mr. Sobota, what would  
16 your recommendation in terms of compensation consist  
17 of?

18 MR. SOBOTA: The positions would  
19 increase by \$25 each. So the chairperson would be  
20 paid \$175, the co-chair \$150 and the inspector \$125.  
21 The Receiving Board member pay would remain at \$150.

22 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I'm assuming  
23 you've done your due diligence and comparable pay  
24 for other local units in the area?

25 MR. SOBOTA: That's correct. You're

1 looking at a range in pay for chairpersons from \$150  
2 to \$190. And co-chairpersons from, looks like, \$70  
3 to \$150. I'm sorry, those are the inspectors. \$70  
4 to \$150. Co-chairpersons are from \$130 to \$190.

5 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

6 Thank you.

7 Any further discussion? All in favor  
8 of the motion say "Aye."

9 (All ayes.)

10 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
11 sign. The motion approved.

12 Item 5, Comparison of Pontiac Finances  
13 to other Oakland County Cities, information only.

14 MR. SOBOTA: And if I may add, Mr.  
15 Chair. This is the information I was presenting to  
16 the Board at the last meeting. So you have in  
17 writing what I was trying to explain in sort of  
18 touting our financial position now.

19 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Much easier to  
20 digest.

21 MR. SOBOTA: It's officially on the  
22 books, the wealthiest city in Oakland County.

23 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you. Item  
24 C, Mayor Items. Number 1, Reappointment of Neil  
25 Hilton, Pontiac Housing Commission. Mayor Waterman.

1                   MAYOR WATERMAN: I should have  
2 included under Mayor Items that last statement. I'd  
3 like to savor that for a little bit more that we're  
4 now the wealthiest county in Oakland County. So we  
5 have fought our way back from the financial crisis  
6 to where we stand right now, that's, at least for  
7 accounting purposes, important to know.

8                   Neil Hilton, I proudly recommend for  
9 reappointment to the Pontiac Housing Commission. He  
10 has served well. He is vice president of Huntington  
11 Bank, and serves as a great financial resource for  
12 the Pontiac Housing Commission, particularly as they  
13 -- the conversion to the RAD, and particularly as  
14 they are faced with some other prepared deficit  
15 intervention plan for HUD.

16                   So he has been a great resource and  
17 has been an able and committed member of that, and I  
18 do recommend him.

19                   CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: And he passed  
20 the vetting process?

21                   MAYOR WATERMAN: Yes, he has.

22                   CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Very good. All  
23 right. Thank you. I'll entertain a motion.

24                   MEMBER BURGESS: Move to approve.

25                   MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

1 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by  
2 Burgess, support by Sawdon. Any discussion?

3 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: Yes. Full  
4 disclosure, Huntington Bank is a client of mine. So  
5 to the -- I don't know Mr. Hilton, but --

6 MAYOR WATERMAN: You should meet him.  
7 He's a great man.

8 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: I'm confident of  
9 that, but just so everyone knows.

10 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.  
11 Thank you, Mr. Bernstein. Any other discussion? If  
12 not, all those in favor of the motion say "Aye."

13 (All ayes.)

14 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
15 sign. Motion is approved.

16 Item 2, Nomination of Dwayne Anthony  
17 to the Arts Commission.

18 MAYOR WATERMAN: I also recommend in  
19 addition to the Arts Commission, Dwayne Anthony. I  
20 understand that's his stage name. He is a  
21 performer. He is co-director of a well-known group  
22 in town called the Men of Grace, part of Grace  
23 Centers of Hope that is a great social service  
24 networking organization entity for the City of  
25 Pontiac. And with this appointment, he has passed

1 the vetting process, as you say, but with this  
2 appointment, that does complete the Arts Commission  
3 nominations. I'm very pleased to have that  
4 collaborative group, they formed an Arts  
5 Collaborative within the City and are supportive of  
6 our institutions, helping to embed arts in the  
7 community. And they are -- have been -- they do  
8 such things as arts camp for our students at Oakland  
9 University this summer. So I'm very proud of the  
10 work this Arts Commission has done since we have had  
11 this group configured. And Mr. Anthony I do  
12 nominate to complete that Board.

13 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: I'll entertain a  
14 motion.

15 MEMBER BERNSTEIN: I'll so move.

16 MEMBER SAWDON: Support.

17 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by  
18 Bernstein, supported by Sawdon. Any further  
19 discussion? If not, all in favor of the motion say  
20 "Aye."

21 (All ayes.)

22 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All opposed,  
23 same sign. Motion is approved.

24 Item 3 is the McLaren Oakland Purchase  
25 Agreement, which is informational only.

1                   Number 4, Transition - Organizational  
2 Chart, information only.

3                   And the last, Blight Hardest Hit Grant  
4 Update, informational only.

5                   MAYOR WATERMAN: All right. Do you  
6 want me to present on all those together right now?

7                   McLaren, I don't have to -- I  
8 understand that -- I -- when we ask for your -- in  
9 the items, the certain deadline date, and because  
10 this had not been resolved at the time, I did put it  
11 on just so that we could meet the deadline date.

12                  CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Yes.

13                  MAYOR WATERMAN: But I understand that  
14 that is something that is not on the City  
15 Administrator's reports, so I will leave that for  
16 any comment under the Mayor's Report, although I do  
17 hear that there are people who are here to comment  
18 on that for your purposes.

19                  As far as the transition, Jane, will  
20 you go down for me? I did send you some documents  
21 along with this, including the organizational chart  
22 which shows a very real idea of where the status is  
23 in terms of how I serve the City, and with the  
24 reality that with the employees and the  
25 organizational chart we have right here, as you see,

1 according to the Order, officially as it stands, me  
2 over there as Mayor, with a big black arrow, shows I  
3 officially just work with one person, me and the  
4 steady, the able and committed Deputy Mayor;  
5 whereas, the City Administrator -- scroll down on  
6 that -- has all these other people working for him  
7 and beholden to him. So as you have charged me to  
8 carry on this function of the City, I do just bring  
9 that to your attention, that poses a real issue for  
10 me, in terms of being able to deliver the services  
11 and duties I need to do.

12 Now, I understand that you have --  
13 well, let me get to that during the Mayor's Report,  
14 because there is no action item addressed on that,  
15 just something for us to think about as we proceed  
16 through and as I do my duties on a daily basis.

17 As far as the blight, what Treasury  
18 has asked me to report on and to keep you apprised  
19 on is particularly the numbers for the hardest hit.  
20 And I do have that here available for you.

21 The hardest hit program, as you know,  
22 was the State-administered program in which we had  
23 \$3.7 million in Pontiac to administer for relief of  
24 blight and demolition of dilapidated homes. This is  
25 purely for public residential properties. And so we

1 have had an inventory of those.

2 But the latest report on that, to  
3 bring you up-to-date, under that program there have  
4 been 126 residential properties demolished and site  
5 restoration has been completed.

6 There have been 61 other properties  
7 which have been assigned to contractors and are in  
8 various stages of having been demolished or sites  
9 restored. And that is to be completed.

10 And there are 46 other properties  
11 which we are now going to identify, and those are  
12 now some of the ones that are a little harder to  
13 effect, including some historic properties, that we  
14 have had to have special conversation with the  
15 Historic Commission in order to get their  
16 concurrence about which ones can be added to the  
17 hardest hit inventory, as well as some that are  
18 occupied still and will require a little different  
19 handling, and some others that we need to have the  
20 County go through the inventory to be able to  
21 complete so we can fully utilize this whole \$3.7  
22 million that was immediately contracted through the  
23 City Administrator in November of 2013.

24 So as part of the blight and  
25 remediation program in the City, hardest hit has

1       been an important part in the usage of those funds,  
2       which we intend to completely utilize for the  
3       alleviation of blight in this community.

4               And those complete my items.

5               CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.

6       Thank you, Mayor.

7               MAYOR WATERMAN: Thank you.

8               CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Item IV,  
9       Non-Action Items. A, Financial Report. Mr.  
10       Nazarko.

11              MR. NAZARKO: Good afternoon, again.

12       The financial reports presented in front of you  
13       today represent the financial situation of the City  
14       of Pontiac as of January 31st, 2016.

15              One item that I have omitted from the  
16       regular reports are the income tax collections  
17       reports, and we hit a snag with our contractor who  
18       is in charge of the income tax collections. We have  
19       had some issues with them. We had a meeting last  
20       Monday -- yesterday, actually -- I'm getting a  
21       little ahead of myself -- that we have ironed out  
22       those issues and we have a plan of action as to how  
23       to go forward. However, just for your information,  
24       those reports are missing and I intend to provide  
25       you full reports next month or earlier than that if

1 the Board so chooses.

2 Other than that, everything else is on  
3 target, the budget is within the allowed amounts.

4 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any questions  
5 for Mr. Nazarko?

6 MEMBER SAWDON: I do have one. You  
7 had mentioned they may have to have a single audit  
8 done for '15. Do you have an idea of what that may  
9 cost if you have to move forward with that?

10 MR. NAZARKO: The cost is already  
11 factored into the budget, because when we didn't get  
12 one with the rest of the City's financial  
13 statements, we received a reduction in price for the  
14 omission of that. But we expect -- we are working  
15 on that issue with Oakland County, because it's a  
16 complicated issue. I'll give you full report once I  
17 have results.

18 MEMBER SAWDON: Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Any other  
20 questions? Thank you, Mr. Nazarko.

21 Item B, City Administrator Report.

22 MR. SOBOTA: I have nothing to add.

23 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Mr.  
24 Sobota.

25 Item C, Report of Mayor Waterman.

1                   MAYOR WATERMAN: We had some prepared  
2 slides today, depending on what was on your agenda.  
3 There was one agenda item that was taken back from  
4 the Council report, that the current slide was  
5 related to, so I will skip over that, only to say  
6 that it was taken off the agenda, this was a Council  
7 Resolution that was passed that I did present to  
8 Council the reasons, according to attorney opinion,  
9 why a veto was necessary for that. And I did veto  
10 that resolution -- two of the resolutions that were  
11 passed by Council and they were taken off of your  
12 agenda, because the action of Council will go past  
13 the date when you would have to consider it for  
14 today's agenda. So that is why that is there. I  
15 will not go through that then, because it's not  
16 necessary because of it's been taken off your  
17 agenda. I do just bring that to your attention,  
18 that this is a matter that may require some of your  
19 review in the future.

20                   The next item is to report on some of  
21 the economic development issues in town. One is the  
22 Phoenix Center, which continues to be a very  
23 important part of what I am under consideration for.  
24 I have presented that to you in various ways, only  
25 to tell you that there is interest in the stance of

1 the City on the Phoenix, both the garage and the  
2 other Center properties. Those talks are  
3 continuing, and I can only say that we are  
4 proceeding on a number of different fronts, and when  
5 there is something that is of -- that has been  
6 firmed up enough to be presented, then I will  
7 present to Council, and that we will get some  
8 direction on how to proceed.

9 But we did add the additional counsel  
10 that you approved from Honigman Miller. She has  
11 been an invaluable resource in terms of some of the  
12 creative aspects of how to configure and handle that  
13 property -- or those properties, and we are  
14 continuing with that. One of the things that the  
15 attorney from Honigman Miller has discovered, is in  
16 going through the original development agreement  
17 that the City had with the original owner of Ottawa  
18 Towers, that there was a provision in there she  
19 found that the owner or the tenant in the Towers --  
20 the owner at the time -- could be obliged to pay  
21 some of the amounts --

22 MR. SOBOTA: Operating expenses.

23 MAYOR WATERMAN: -- or operating  
24 expenses for maintenance of the garage if they were  
25 permitted to use the garage.

1                   Somehow that has not been continued,  
2                   and so she is looking to see whether that is still  
3                   actively enforced, and has that not been considered  
4                   by any of the administrators of the City since that  
5                   time; because as you recall, the reason why the  
6                   Emergency Manager said that the Phoenix garage  
7                   should be torn down was because the City did not  
8                   have the finances to be able to sustain it and to  
9                   carry out the maintenance.

10                   If this provision had been applied and  
11                   that the lessors of the Phoenix Center garage had  
12                   been required to pay these kinds of fees over time,  
13                   that might have put the City in a little bit of a  
14                   different position in order to be able to sustain  
15                   the maintenance of the garage.

16                   So those are questions that she is  
17                   helping to uncover, and certainly that will be a  
18                   part of any future support of the litigation as well  
19                   as, if that continues, there is a court date for  
20                   appeal in terms of one issue related to the  
21                   condemnation lawsuit. But as I said, we are  
22                   continuing on a number of different fronts and  
23                   effort to resolve this litigation or settlement of  
24                   how this Phoenix Center property is handled for the  
25                   benefit of the City.

1                   Two other great items. Bloomfield  
2 Park is continuing in terms of its development.  
3 It's now called the Village of Bloomfield. We had a  
4 JDC meeting this morning, and we understand that the  
5 developers are going to be presenting the Master  
6 Plan for the whole project by the next meeting in  
7 March. So we look forward to doing that, and I will  
8 share that with the citizens as well as with the  
9 RTAB. And it does have a Brownfield plan in place.  
10 The developers have not yet applied for the amended  
11 Brownfield, and we will await their doing that to  
12 complete that part of it. There was some question  
13 that came up this morning, I do want to clarify that  
14 for the general public. So that is ongoing.

15                   And as far as the only other issue I  
16 was going to talk about, and that was a transition  
17 of where we are in terms of that transitioning of  
18 executive powers and return towards the aspects of  
19 home rule, that we have had discussions with  
20 Treasury, and that started, and I'm not quite sure  
21 where they are in progress right now. So I just  
22 wanted to bring that out to your attention, and the  
23 fact that we want to get some time on the matters as  
24 we're continuing to work with Council to get goals  
25 and missions that we can work together on, in terms

1 of moving the City forward.

2 Now, it is encouraging to hear that we  
3 have what sounds like a very good evaluation report.  
4 I'm looking forward to reading that and to seeing  
5 that and to reviewing that with other City  
6 Administrators and with City Council. But in  
7 addition to that, all the indicators that have been  
8 reported certainly seem very favorable, and as you  
9 understand, we are under receivership and you are  
10 here as a TAB Board, because of the fact that at one  
11 time the City was declared in financial emergency  
12 and financial crisis. And certainly that has been  
13 relieved with all of the reports and indicators that  
14 have come through.

15 So given that, it certainly seems that  
16 there is a -- those are the factors that we have  
17 achieved the benchmarks for. I will submit, just  
18 for the record, and I'm sure you all know as members  
19 of the RTAB, that the fund balance that we have now  
20 of \$10.8 million exceeds the benchmark that was set  
21 at 15 percent surplus revenue fund. That is beyond  
22 the 15 percent, it's actually almost 30 percent. So  
23 I say that very proudly. I understand that we still  
24 have issues. I understand that we still stand with  
25 difficulty because of the two litigation items,

1 either of which -- and I understand this and this  
2 weighs very heavily on me -- either of which, if  
3 decided adversely, could potentially bankrupt the  
4 City or add to the tax rolls. So I'm well aware of  
5 the challenges, and that's why I -- it is a burden  
6 upon me, and I consider that a very important  
7 responsibility, my most important responsibility, to  
8 try to resolve these in a way that is advantageous  
9 for the City, and I will continue to do so and ask  
10 for the support in doing that.

11 But nonetheless, the financial crisis  
12 is gone now. We have had challenges, but what city  
13 does not? We certainly have established that we now  
14 have best practices, and I hope that will be  
15 clarified in that evaluation report once I get a  
16 chance to review it.

17 But the City and I need to move  
18 forward with some other things that we need to  
19 accomplish as a city, particularly in economic and  
20 community development. I do give full credit to Joe  
21 Sobota as the City Administrator. He has done a lot  
22 toward maintaining those best practices, and making  
23 sure we achieve the financial goals that we need to  
24 have, but his job is done now. His job is done now.  
25 And I need to be given the support and the credit

1 and the ability to go ahead and achieve the things  
2 that we need to do for the rest of the City's  
3 agenda.

4 So I would ask to have further  
5 discussion, I'm just going to present that to you  
6 now for further thought. I will review -- I hear  
7 that there will be recommendations for some returns  
8 of powers, and I will look forward to reading that  
9 and having further discussion about how that will be  
10 effected in the City of Pontiac. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Mayor  
12 Waterman.

13 Item V, is Public Comment. Mr.  
14 Widigan, will retrieve the signup sheet and will  
15 call your name. Per the Board rules, you'll have  
16 two minutes to speak.

17 MR. WIDIGAN: All right. Ready?

18 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Go ahead.

19 MR. WIDIGAN: Okay. Stacia Watkins.

20 MS. WATKINS: Good afternoon, Board.

21 My issue --

22 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Hold on. I'm  
23 sorry. I got to make sure I hit the button.  
24 Proceed. Thank you.

25 MS. WATKINS: The issue I have today

1 is with the City Administrator. On Thursday at the  
2 City Council meeting, he gave information to the  
3 citizens of Pontiac that was absolutely untrue and  
4 he knew it was untrue. He was speaking on funds in  
5 the General Employee Retirement System, and he gave  
6 the impression that those funds could be used for  
7 City roads, and that money taken out of that fund  
8 for the retirees -- he broke it down as to how much  
9 it would cost each taxpayer, and it was no way to  
10 really sugarcoat it, it was just a flat-out lie.

11 And according to the organizational  
12 chart that the Mayor showed earlier, he serves at  
13 the pleasure of this Board. So I'm asking you all  
14 to instruct me on the procedure to file a -- a  
15 formal complaint. It just concerns me that if he  
16 would stand there and -- and mislead the citizens,  
17 that maybe some of the information that he's  
18 providing to the Board is misleading, and I believe  
19 that this is an issue that needs to be looked into.  
20 So if you could tell me if I file a complaint with  
21 you all or if I need to go to the Treasurer or the  
22 avenue that I need to take to file a complaint,  
23 because it -- it greatly distressed me. That money  
24 is not general fund money. The only way that money  
25 reverts to the City is when the last person who

1 draws out of that fund is dead, and who knows when  
2 that will be. So to say to the citizens that this  
3 money could be used for roads or other City  
4 improvements when it can't, is just a flat-out lie  
5 and it's misleading, and I would expect more from  
6 the person who's supposed to be City Administrator.  
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms.  
9 Watkins.

10 MR. WIDIGAN: Councilman Kermit  
11 Williams.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: No comment.

13 MR. WIDIGAN: Councilman Randy Carter.

14 MR. CARTER: Get my crap together  
15 here. Okay. I'm City Councilman Randy Carter.  
16 Actually I had a couple of questions. And one is, I  
17 felt that the City should not -- should not go back  
18 into local control yet. Part of the things are --  
19 part of the things that came up inside the City of  
20 Pontiac Retired Employees versus Schimmel. There is  
21 a clause in there within Section -- Section C of  
22 Irreparable -- irreparable harm and equitable  
23 factors that stated -- and referring to the OPEB,  
24 the OPEB, the employee benefits. It appears that  
25 we're going to have pretty close to \$800 million

1       worth of debt that will -- that will come on our  
2       books, because of the GASB 45. Within the court  
3       case and the Court of Appeals, within Public Act 46,  
4       it did say that the order remains in effect until  
5       June 30th. I'm familiar with that. But it also  
6       says that if -- when the City no longer has an  
7       emergency manager, or remains in receivership with a  
8       city administrator or transition board. I'm not  
9       saying that I -- I actually appreciate everything  
10      that the TAB Board is doing, but I'm saying that it  
11      does reflect that this debt will appear on our books  
12      from GASB 45 as -- as we speak. And I see no way  
13      that the City can go through and pay for it. With  
14      that, also with some of the ordinance that the --  
15      that the -- that I, myself, and the City Council  
16      have created, I think they are in direct violation  
17      of state law of anyone issuing any compensation to  
18      anyone after they have been terminated.

19               The third thing I'm looking at is the  
20      City is not using this Brownfield authority within  
21      the City. There should be -- there should be no  
22      reason why -- why we -- why the County is -- is  
23      taking over our Brownfield for the Bloomfield place  
24      or even the 225 East Columbia, the old Pontiac Motor  
25      site. The -- the City is remiss by not collecting

1 money, at the same time, due to light of the  
2 Bloomfield place, Oakland County is going to collect  
3 our benefits, then Oakland County is going to force  
4 the City to pay Bloomfield Township three mills of  
5 benefits, so something should be done to correct  
6 that. The City has not had its own Brownfield  
7 authority engaged since last year. For that -- that  
8 ends my comments. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.  
10 Thank you, Council member.

11 MR. WIDIGAN: John Bueno.

12 MR. BUENO: Good afternoon, Board.  
13 I'll be very brief since the item is -- was on here.  
14 I'm on the Board of Directors with McLaren Oakland  
15 Hospital and we just wanted to make sure that -- you  
16 know, we saw the item on here, but we just wanted to  
17 make sure that we're here in support of the City  
18 selling the land, the parking lot that we're  
19 currently leasing from the City. But after talking  
20 to the Mayor, it looks like -- and the  
21 Administrator, I think things are moving forward,  
22 because pursuant to Louis Schimmel's order, that in  
23 particular these five properties, that if an amount  
24 is paid, that it does not need to go to the Board,  
25 that the Administrator and the City Clerk can sign

1 off on this. And so we just -- we just want to move  
2 forward with this, that's all.

3 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you.

4 MR. BUENO: And that's -- Jerry  
5 McDonald is here from the Board as well. He was the  
6 next person for comment, and we just wanted it to go  
7 on record as being here.

8 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.  
9 Thank you.

10 MR. WIDIGAN: All right. Then I'll  
11 move to Linda Hasson.

12 MS. HASSON: Although the Mayor is  
13 doing well, Joseph serves a purpose as well. I do  
14 not believe that the City is ready, based on being  
15 here in everyday life, to be totally taken out of  
16 any type of being watched over. We may have \$10  
17 million excess, but the City Council granted \$10  
18 million for retirement, approximately \$9 to \$10  
19 million for pension benefits to pay to people prior  
20 to them turning 60. Although the money is coming  
21 out of the pension fund, if that fund gets short, we  
22 have to put the money back in, the taxpayers. The  
23 fund year-to-date, when I called the Pension Board  
24 as of January 26th, was \$433 million. It has  
25 dropped substantially in a very short period of

1 time. I do not suggest that you move any money or  
2 give any benefits until this is checked out  
3 appropriately with maybe some tables that are more  
4 recent, and some years that are more recent, because  
5 as you remember, when Detroit did their bankruptcy,  
6 it turned out that they ended up having the -- that  
7 they owe like \$800 million after-the-fact to the  
8 pension fund. So we should not be touching anything  
9 until -- but I would like to reiterate, under the  
10 circumstances, the Mayor is doing the best that she  
11 can, and under the circumstances Joseph is doing the  
12 best he can. This is a very difficult situation.  
13 If you live in it, you will understand it. And we  
14 depend on you to help us, and we need the help.  
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms.  
17 Hasson.

18 MR. WIDIGAN: Council President,  
19 Patrice Waterman.

20 MS. WATERMAN: Pass.

21 MR. WIDIGAN: Trustee Kone Bowman.

22 MR. BOWMAN: I'm sorry. I didn't know  
23 my time was started. Thank you. First, I'd like to  
24 thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand  
25 before you today. I thought it was three minutes,

1 so it's two minutes, I'm probably not going to look  
2 up just to try to get through what I had written  
3 out.

4 I just wanted to kind of make you guys  
5 aware of what's going on right now with the Pontiac  
6 Pension Fund. Over the last six months, there have  
7 been a lot of changes were made, more specifically  
8 over the last 90 days. After careful consideration  
9 and a lot of research, I decided to rescind my vote  
10 on investment known as the VDC, which is a very  
11 questionable investment, somewhat like Onyx  
12 investment, if you began to look into them and  
13 uncover some things.

14 After questioning and scrutinizing the  
15 investment that was done and that was approved when  
16 I rescinded my vote, soon later the consultant for  
17 our investment fund resigned.

18 After finding out about all of the  
19 allegations and questionable practices of our former  
20 chairperson, Harrison, I voted for a new chairperson  
21 as well. But some of those practices were --  
22 contracts not being signed with the full disclosure  
23 of the Board or being brought before the Board, no  
24 background checks were being done on our former  
25 executive director who was hired, in regards to none

1 of her references being checked.

2 After a new chair was elected, and  
3 questionable e-mails were uncovered about a previous  
4 chair and certain things, along with the executive  
5 director, our previous chair resigned. Soon after  
6 that, Ms. Carter, which is our executive director,  
7 resigned. And then actually after putting some  
8 other e-mail -- we found out that her resignation  
9 was because she had actually found another job, in  
10 another city, in another state.

11 Currently City Council is attempting  
12 to make good on a promise that was made to me on  
13 December 5th at approximately 1:00 p.m. located in  
14 -- long story short, I was threatened by the City  
15 Council members that -- in particular Member Mark --  
16 Mark Holland, that if I did not rescind my vote and  
17 make Walter Moore the new trustee president for the  
18 pension fund, that I would be removed from the  
19 Pension Board, all due because -- and then I  
20 actually have the text messages to verify that, in  
21 case you guys need copies of that so that you can  
22 see for yourself.

23 Nevertheless, I don't think that it's  
24 fair that they would try to bully me into making a  
25 decision that wasn't in the best interest of the

1           retirees. And I have further information if you  
2           need it at a later point.

3                   CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Mr.  
4           Bowman.

5                   MR. WIDIGAN: Billie Swazer.

6                   MS. SWAZER: Thank you for the  
7           opportunity to speak. It's shocking to me that we  
8           just heard all this from Kone Bowman. I've attended  
9           just about every pension meeting for the last few  
10          years, and I've never heard any of these  
11          allegations.

12                   Yes, Cecelia Carter did resign. I  
13          guess she got another job somewhere else, but the  
14          allegations weren't about the e-mails and other  
15          stuff. And I never heard anything about Mr.  
16          Councilman Holland, so that's the reason they  
17          -- that the City Council announced in December that  
18          they were going to review all of the appointments,  
19          and that, you know, everybody had to apply again.  
20          And so, the application process went forward. I  
21          guess Mr. Sobota has in his weekly and Friday  
22          meeting minutes to you -- to the City Council  
23          people, told them that your Board, RTAB, has not  
24          approved the appointment of Mr. Bowman to the GERS  
25          Board, and as such, they were going to make that go

1 away so that they can go ahead and move forward with  
2 this transition.

3 I'm shocked to find that the pension  
4 system is going down, but you know, hey, China is a  
5 major factor in investments and that's the way it  
6 goes. I was there when they did the VDC, when we  
7 first did it and one person had one opinion and the  
8 next meeting they had another opinion. They were  
9 supposed to submit their questions, they didn't.  
10 Okay. Investments are investments. Everybody can't  
11 agree, but this did not sound like a shotty  
12 investment. People change their mind.

13 People were elected. They can serve  
14 as long as they want to, and they can decide they  
15 don't have to.

16 But I think we should keep our system  
17 -- the GERS system in Pontiac. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Thank you, Ms.  
19 Swazer.

20 MR. WIDIGAN: That's it for Public  
21 Comment.

22 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: All right.  
23 Thank you. Next item is Board Comment. Any  
24 comments from the Board members?

25 In regards to Ms. Walton's comments,

1 Mr. Sobota is an employee of the City of Pontiac,  
2 not an employee of the RTAB. So I just wanted to  
3 clarify that.

4 Secondly, this Board's approval of the  
5 evaluation and the recommendation it contains, is a  
6 recommendation to the Governor's office, and the  
7 Governor ultimately decides, in consultation with  
8 the Treasurer, what the outcome of our  
9 recommendation will be. So until the Governor  
10 decides, we can only recommend, and he will decide.

11 And that's all I have. I'll entertain  
12 a motion to adjourn.

13 MEMBER SAWDON: So moved.

14 MEMBER BURGESS: Support.

15 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Moved by Sawdon,  
16 support by Burgess. All in favor of the motion say  
17 "Aye."

18 (All ayes.)

19 CHAIRPERSON KORYZNO: Opposed, same  
20 sign. The meeting is adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Thank  
21 you.

22 (At 2:00 p.m., proceedings concluded.)

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Dated: February 23, 2016



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