

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
TAMPA FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS PENSION BOARD
GENERAL BOARD COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) INTERVIEWS
3001 North Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33603 (813) 274-8550
Thursday, September 28, 2006 2:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa met in the Pension Office Conference Room on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. [meeting began late] for a special meeting to interview respondents to the General Board Counsel Request for Proposal (RFP) with the following members present:

Marc Hamlin, Chairman	Dan Lombard
Patrick Lynch, Vice-Chairman	Jimmy Meier
Mark Bogush	Cyndy Miller
Sharon Fox	Tracy Walker

Also present were active and retired plan members.

1. Noted receipt of letter dated 9/15/2006 to General Board Counsel RFP Respondents regarding Interviews and additional questions posed by RFP Committee. **It was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Walker and by unanimous vote to receive and file item 1.**
2. Noted receipt of General Board Counsel Request for Proposal (RFP). **It was moved by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Walker and by unanimous vote to receive and file item 2.**
3. Noted receipt of scoring sheets to be used by individual trustees. Individual trustees to score proposals based upon evaluation criteria set forth in RFP as listed on scoring sheet. Scoring sheets were collected prior to the beginning of interviews and tabulated by the Plan Administrator and separately tabulated by the F&P Accountant. **It was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Walker and by unanimous vote to receive and file item 3.**
4. Interviews – Five (5) minute statement/presentation to the board followed by a question and answer session for the Board not to exceed twenty five (25) minutes. Noted receipt of proposals from the following four (4) respondents. The responses to the additional questions posed by the RFP were distributed. The order of presentations/interviews was:

Ron Cohen, Ronald J. Cohen, PA

Mr. Cohen entered the meeting, made his five (5) minute prepared statement/presentation to the board, responded to questions from the board, and left the meeting.

Robert Klausner, Klausner & Kaufman

Mr. Klausner entered the meeting, made his five (5) minute prepared statement/presentation to the board, responded to questions from the board, and left the meeting.

[a 5 minute recess was taken from 3:35 – 3:40 pm]

James B. Loper, James B. Loper, PA

Mr. Loper entered the meeting, made his five (5) minute prepared statement/presentation to the board, responded to questions from the board, and left the meeting.

Ken Harrison and Robert Sugarman, Sugarman & Susskind

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Sugarman made their five (5) minute prepared statement/presentation to the board, responded to questions from the board, and left the meeting.

[a 5 minute recess was taken from 4:30 – 4:35 pm Ms. Miller left the meeting.]

5. Noted receipt of sample reference check form. Results of reference checks to be discussed by RFP Committee after conclusion of interviews. Each committee member (Fox, Lynch, and Walker) reviewed the results of each of the reference checks that they conducted. **It was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Walker and by unanimous vote to receive and file item 5.**
6. Discussion by Board of Trustees.
 - a. Quantitative scoring results. Based upon the cumulative quantitative scoring by individual trustees, the firms were ranked in the following descending order:
 - Ronald J. Cohen, P.A.
 - Klausner & Kaufman
 - Sugarman & Susskind
 - James B. Loper, PA
 - b. Qualitative results from interviews and Q&A. Mr. Hamlin read Ms. Miller's comments into the record. Mr. Hamlin provided his feedback and comments, asked each trustee to provide their feedback and comments, and there was general board discussion.
7. Board selection. After discussion, **it was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Ms. Fox that the Board of Trustees hire the firm of Ronald J. Cohen, P.A. as General Board Counsel on the proposed one year contract from 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2007, with two one year extensions. Upon voting, motion carried by a vote of 6 – 1 with Ms. Fox, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Lombard, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Meier, and Mr. Walker in favor of the motion and Mr. Bogush opposed to the motion.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

October 26, 2006 board meeting: It was moved by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Ms. Fox and by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2006 General Board Counsel interviews/RFP as written.