



CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY BOARDS/COMMITTEES
Police Pension Board of Trustees

5 members: 2 Council-appointed; 2 department-elected; 1 appointed by the other four members. Four-year term.

Term expires:

Mr. Glenwood Pratt, Chairman

12.31.2019

Member-appointed 5th member
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Port Richey, FL 34668
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wk – 863-1825
glen.pratt@verizon.net

Officer Steven Wade, Vice-Chairman

12.31.2016

Department-elected
New Port Richey Police Department
6739 Adams St.
New Port Richey, FL 34652
wk - 841-4550
wades@cityofnewportrichey.org

Sergeant Christopher Trapnell, Secretary/Treasurer

12.31.2019

Department-elected
New Port Richey Police Department
6739 Adams St.
New Port Richey, FL 34652
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trapnellc@cityofnewportrichey.org

Mr. William Bennett

12.31.2016

City-appointed, City resident
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New Port Richey, FL 34652
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billbennett257@yahoo.com

Mr. Edward Beckman

11.10.2019

City-appointed, City resident
4912 Azalea Drive
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edward.beckman@yahoo.com

Responsible for the administration and proper operation of the Police Pension Fund:

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Pension Administrator
New Port Richey Police Pension
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New Port Richey, FL 34652
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(727) 359-3124 (Cell)
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paid by the Board

Staff liaison: Doreen Summers

Sec. 17-53. - Board of trustees.

(a)

The sole and exclusive administration of and responsibility for the proper operation of the system and for making effective the provisions of this article is hereby vested in a board of trustees. The board is hereby designated as the plan administrator. The board shall consist of five (5) trustees, two (2) of whom, unless otherwise prohibited by law, shall be legal residents of the city, who shall be appointed by the city council, and two (2) of whom shall be members of the system, who shall be elected by a majority of the police officers who are members of the system. The fifth trustee shall be chosen by a majority of the previous four (4) trustees as provided for herein, and such person's name shall be submitted to the city council. The trustees are encouraged, but not required, to select a city resident as its fifth trustee. Upon receipt of the fifth person's name, the city council shall, as a ministerial duty, appoint such person to the board of trustees as its fifth trustee. The fifth trustee shall have the same rights as each of the other four (4) trustees appointed or elected as herein provided and shall serve a four (4) year term unless he sooner vacates the office. Each resident trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of four (4) years, unless he sooner vacates the office or is sooner replaced by the city council at whose pleasure he shall serve. Each member trustee shall serve as trustee for a period of four (4) years, unless he sooner leaves the employment of the city as a police officer or otherwise vacates his office as trustee, whereupon a successor shall be chosen in the same manner as the departing trustee. Each trustee may succeed himself in office. The board shall establish and administer the nominating and election procedures for each election. The board shall meet at least quarterly each year. The board shall be a legal entity with, in addition to other powers and responsibilities contained herein, the power to bring and defend lawsuits of every kind, nature, and description.

(b)

The trustees shall, by a majority vote, elect a chairman and a secretary. The secretary of the board shall keep a completed minute book of the actions, proceedings, or hearings of the board. The trustees shall not receive any compensation as such, but may receive expenses and per diem as provided by law.

(c)

Each trustee shall be entitled to one (1) vote on the board. Three (3) affirmative votes shall be necessary for any decision by the trustees at any meeting of the board. A trustee shall have the right to abstain from voting as the result of a conflict of interest provided that trustee complies with the provisions of F.S. § 112.3143.

(d)

The board shall engage such actuarial, accounting, legal, and other services as shall be required to transact the business of the system. The compensation of all persons engaged by the board and all other expenses of the board necessary for the operation of the system shall be paid from the fund at such rates and in such amounts as the board shall agree. In the event the board chooses to use the city's legal counsel, actuary or other professional, technical or other advisors, it shall do so only under terms and conditions acceptable to the board.

(e)

The duties and responsibilities of the board shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

(1)

To construe the provisions of the system and determine all questions arising thereunder.

(2)

To determine all questions relating to eligibility and membership.

(3)

To determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits hereunder.

(4)

To establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications and all matters required to administer the system.

(5)

To distribute to members, at regular intervals, information concerning the system.

(6)

To receive and process all applications for benefits.

(7)

To authorize all payments whatsoever from the fund, and to notify the disbursing agent, in writing, of approved benefit payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the system and fund.

(8)

To have performed actuarial studies valuations at least as often as required by law, and make recommendations regarding any and all changes in the provisions of the system.

(9)

To perform such other duties as are required to prudently administer the system.