

**BERKS COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND BOARD MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2022 – APPROVED FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

The Berks County Retirement Fund Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. via Microsoft Teams Live, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Chairman Christian Y. Leinbach called the meeting to order with Vice Chairman Michael Rivera, and Member Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Secretary Sandra Graffius and Treasurer Dennis Adams were absent. The following County staff attended: Christine Sadler, County Solicitor; Jessica Weaknecht, Director Human Resources; Wendy Pennington, Benefits Manager; and Jonnelle Keller, Benefits/Pension Coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 18, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Rivera and second by Member Kevin Barnhardt to approve the approve Korn Ferry to print the 2022 pension benefit statements for all active members. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Rivera and second by Member Kevin Barnhardt to not consider a cost-of-living increase for this year. The county must consider this each year because our pension is a defined pension payment for the lifetime of the member. Motion carried.
3. A motion made by Member Kevin Barnhardt and second by Vice Chairman Michael Rivera to authorize the following. Motion carried
  - 29R.2022 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing employee buyback request as follows:
    - a. Carmen Bloom purchasing 3 years, 7 months and 24 days of prior service time in the amount of \$8,857.30.

**AUTHORIZE DISBURSEMENTS**

1. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Rivera and second by Member Kevin Barnhardt to authorize the following. Motion carried.

30R.2022 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing and approving annuities and refunds for December 2022 as follows:

Annuities	\$ 2,218,125.73
Refund	\$ 377,775.49
Total	<u>\$ 2,595,901.22</u>

There being no further business, on motion made by Vice Chairman Michael River, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sandy Graffius*

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Sandy Graffius, Secretary Retirement Fund Board