



## RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

*The Retirement Board met via BlueJeans and the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pipe at 11:04AM. In attendance were Retirement Board members, Commissioner Higgins, Commissioner Dershem, Treasurer Kennedy, and Controller Moser. Mark Schlegel and Damian Gallagher from Emerald Advisers; and Terri Fisher, Deputy Controller, and Travis Walker, Auditor/Accountant, were also in attendance.*

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with the Sunshine Act, attendees will be given the opportunity to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation before the Retirement Board. For items not on the agenda, the Retirement Board will accept public comment at the beginning of each meeting. For items that are on the agenda, the Board will accept public comment prior to each official action. Persons desiring to comment should raise their hand to be recognized by the Chair. Anyone addressing the Board will be given a five-minute time period in which to do so.

### III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Thursday, April 29, 2021 Retirement Board Meeting.

*On a motion from Commissioner Higgins and seconded by Controller Moser, the meeting minutes for April 29, 2021, were unanimously approved.*

### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adjustment to Payment Structure for County's ADC – Controller Moser indicated the new monthly ADC payment per month for the remainder of the year would be \$118,641.86 based on the official 2021 ADC of \$1,767,993. Commissioner Pipe asked if there was any benefit to paying the entire ADC now, later, or continue monthly. Controller Moser indicated there was no difference.

*On a motion from Treasurer Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the continuation of a monthly payment at the new amount was unanimously approved.*

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- B. Emerald Advisers Capital 1Q 2021 Investment Performance Results – Mark Schlegel and Damian Gallagher presented the 1Q 2021 Investment Performance Results for Emerald Advisers.

	Centre County	Russell 2000
1stQuarter 2021	7.60%	12.70%
Year To Date 2021	7.60%	12.70%
Trailing 1Year	87.17%	94.85%
Trailing 3Years*	19.05%	14.76%
Trailing 5Years*	19.34%	16.35%
From 3-31-06*	10.52%	8.86%

Damian Gallagher first reviewed any firm changes, noting there were no major ones and that Emerald Advisers would be returning to the office in a hybrid model in June. Mark and Damian noted the portfolio trailed the benchmark Russell 2000 in 1Q 2021, primarily due to the cyclical nature of the markets and value stocks outperforming growth stocks by the largest margin in a long time.

They expect growth to outperform value moving forward. Emerald made moves to increase exposes to Financial/Industrial firms and reduced exposure to Tech/Health Care sectors.

Commissioner Pipe asked if the Restaurant Revitalization Program was having any current impact. Damian and Mark noted that there was some demand from consumers and that employers were looking for employees with the portfolio being positions to capture this.

Commissioner Pipe additionally asked if there would be any pick-up in Health Care as people return to doctors, elective procedures, etc. Damian noted that the health care sector would be shifting to pre-COVID manufacturing and Mark noted that some aspects of Health Care sector were acting cyclically, though that's unusual.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion from Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Treasurer Kennedy, and approved unanimously, the Retirement Board adjourned at 11:44AM..*