Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

In attendance:
Trustees Present:
Corvi, Miller, and Desmond

Teleconference:
Britt, Heller, Moore, Montgomery, Wainscott

Trustees Absent:
Maloney Stifler

Excuse Ms. Maloney Stifler
Mr. Desmond moved, and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to excuse Ms. Maloney Stifler from the March 27, 2020 emergency Board of Trustees meeting. The motion passed with the roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Britt, Corvi, Heller, Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Wainscott, and Desmond
Nays: None

AGENDA ITEM 1:
Chair Desmond conducted the emergency meeting of the Board via phone with three in person. Based on the Board’s authority pursuant to the General Assembly’s Covid-19 Emergency Response Legislation to postpone OP&F trustee elections whose first deadline is April 6, 2020 and allows current trustees to serve until each of their successors are elected. It could be difficult under current health orders for members to collect signatures. It is unclear at this point if our election administrator, the American Arbitration Association, will even be allowed to travel to Columbus to administer the ballot count in May. They are located in Philadelphia and hire more than ten local temporary workers to conduct the vote count here at 140 East Town Street. There are also observers. There is genuine concern we could not effectuate the statutory deadlines were we to proceed. The Board unanimously voted to postpone trustee elections, with three current trustees abstaining, as authorized in the corona emergency response bill passed by the Ohio GA.

Mr. Moore moved and Mr. Corvi seconded a motion that the Board adopt the Governmental Affairs and Policy committee recommendation that the Board exercise the authority in Ohio’s Covid-19 Emergency Response bill and postpone the upcoming trustee elections. The motion passed with the roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Britt, Corvi, Heller, Miller and Moore,
Nays: None
Abstains: Montgomery, Wainscott, and Desmond
AGENDA ITEM 2:
The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

John J. Gallagher Jr.
Executive Director

Board materials provided:
1. M.B. Foley memorandum on Coronavirus pandemic and trustee elections, dated 03/27/20;
2. Act HB 197