

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System  
Management Committee Meeting  
Friday, May 19, 2017**

The Management Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Friday, May 19, 2017 in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. Lorry Trotter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Abby Partin, recording secretary.

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**Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Ms. Beverly Hodges, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Janice Lansing, Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Lori Pierce, Ms. Shannon Templet, Ms. Lorry Trotter

**Members Absent:** Ms. Kathy Singleton, Treasurer Ron Henson, Senator Barrow Peacock, Representative Kevin Pearson

**Staff Present:** Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Tonja Normand; Public Information Director; Mr. Dan Bowden, IT Director; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Mr. Bobby Beale, CIO; Mr. Steve Stark, Deputy General Counsel, Mr. Trey Roche, Chief Risk Officer and Special Counsel; Ms. Allison Vince, Retirement Benefits Supervisor; Mr. Mark Diaz, Public Information Officer; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management Officer; Ms. Abby Partin, recording secretary

**Also Present:** Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster and Mr. Frank Jobert, RSEA

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A quorum was announced present and the meeting opened for business. There were no public comments.

**Regular Business**

Ms. Templet called for approval of the April 27, 2017 Management Committee minutes. **Ms. Templet, seconded by Ms. Pierce, moved to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

In the Executive Counsel's report, Ms. Grant stated Excelth, Inc. has begun making payments toward the delinquent employer contributions owed LASERS. She announced LASERS recently received the first distribution in the amount of \$174,000 from The Royal Bank of Scotland securities litigation settlement. She stated LASERS has received a favorable IRS determination letter with no expiration date. She informed the Board of a disability retiree who is disgruntled due to excess earnings. The excess earnings resulted in a \$16,000 debt owed to LASERS, a portion of which has been recouped through a payment plan set up for the member. The member wants to make an appeal but Ms. Grant explained there are no grounds for an appeal. She stated the member wants to speak to the Board to voice her discontent.

### **New Business**

Ms. Johnson gave an educational presentation titled *Is LASERS Inflation Assumption Inflated?* **Ms. Burton moved, seconded by Ms. Templet, to recommend the Board adopt a change in the Board approved inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.75%, and therefore lower the corresponding salary scale assumptions by 0.25%, for purposes of the actuarial valuations for funding and GASB reporting, effective June 30, 2017. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Mr. Stark explained the proposed rule amendments for the purchase of military service. **Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to recommend that the board approve the proposed amendments for the purchase of military service. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Mr. Fillastre asked for the Board's consideration in reinstating benefits for a disability member. **Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to recommend the Board approve the reinstatement of benefits for a disability member under R.S. 11:221, for 2016 earnings. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Ms. Vince reviewed the list of alternate physicians to be added to the State Medical Disability Board. **Ms. Lansing moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to recommend the Board approve the lists of physicians submitted as alternate physicians to the State Medical Disability Board. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Chief Administrative Officer's comments. He stated a motion is required to approve travel to attend the LAPERS Conference. **Ms. Hodges moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, to approve travel for any trustee interested in attending the LAPERS Conference in New Orleans, September 17-19, 2017. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

In Ms. LeBlanc's absence, Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer's comments.

Ms. Rougeou reviewed the Executive Director's comments. In addition to her comments, she distributed information on LASERS Deferred Compensation outreach efforts.

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Lansing, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the May 2017 Disability Report. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Templet, to return to regular session. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Lansing, to approve the May 2017 Disability Report. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

**Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.