

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System  
Management Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2019**

The Management Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, May 16, 2019 in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. Barbara McManus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:54 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

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**Members Present:** \*Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Mr. James Mack (designee of the Treasurer), Ms. Beverly Hodges, Judge William Kleinpeter, Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Barbara McManus, Ms. Lori Pierce, Ms. Shannon Templet, Ms. Lorry Trotter

**Members Absent:** Ms. Janice Lansing, Senator Barrow Peacock, Representative Kevin Pearson

**Staff Present:** Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Ms. Maris LeBlanc, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Steve Stark, Deputy General Counsel; Mr. Carlos Jones, Retirement Benefits Supervisor; Mr. Jonathan Drago, Retirement Benefits Assistant Administrator; Mr. Greg Byrd, IT Tech Support Manager; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Tonja Normand, Public Information Director; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management Officer; Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary

**Also Present:** Mr. Lowell Good, Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office

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A quorum was announced present and the meeting opened for business.

**Public Comment**

Ms. LeBlanc introduced Greg Byrd and Jonathan Drago to the Committee. These LASERS employees were representing Dan Bowden, IT Director, and Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator.

Ms. LeBlanc also advised the committee that the agenda had been revised to include an item on reinstating a member's retirement benefit.

### **Regular Business**

Ms. McManus called for approval of the April 25, 2019 Management Committee minutes. **Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Ms. McManus announced there were no disability denials this month.

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to approve the May 2019 Disability Report. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

In the Executive Counsel's report, Mr. Stark stated there were no new appeals or lawsuits.

### **New Business**

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

Mr. Fillastre discussed reinstating a member's disability benefits. **Ms. Burton moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges to reinstate the member's disability benefits as discussed. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

\*Mr. Bickham joined the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Chief Administrative Officer's comments.

Ms. LeBlanc reviewed the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer's comments.

Ms. Rougeou reviewed the Executive Director's comments. She stated a motion is required to approve travel to attend the NASRA Conference.

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. Hodges, to approve travel for any trustee interested in attending the NASRA Conference in Williamsburg, VA, August 3-6, 2019. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

### **Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.