

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System  
Legislative Committee Meeting  
October 24, 2019**

The Legislative Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Judge William Kleinpeter, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m. Roll was called by Beth Labello, recording secretary.

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Members present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Janice Lansing, Ms. Beverly Hodges, Mr. Philip Qualls (designee of the Treasurer), Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Barbara McManus, Ms. Lori Pierce, Ms. Shannon Templet, Ms. Lorry Trotter, and Judge William Kleinpeter

Members absent: Ms. Virginia Burton, Senator Barrow Peacock, and 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; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Tonja Normand, Public Information Director; Mr. Trey Roche, Statewide Program Manager; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Steve Stark, Deputy General Counsel; Mr. Dan Bowden, IT Director; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management Officer; and Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary

Also present: Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster and Foster; Ms. Margaret Corley, Senate Retirement Committee; and Ms. Amy Mathews, Treasurer's Office

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

**Public Comment**

Judge Kleinpeter called for public comment. There were no public comments.

### **Regular Business**

Judge Kleinpeter called for approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2019 Legislative Committee meeting. **Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Ms. Trotter, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

### **New Business**

Ms. Rougeou and Ms. LeBlanc discussed two potential 2020 legislative issues – (1) allowing members with 20 years of service credit to apply for disability retirement and (2) providing enhanced benefits to rank-and-file members killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence. Ms. Rougeou plans to schedule a meeting with Senator Peacock to discuss these issues, and will update the Committee on the outcome of the meeting in November.

Ms. Rougeou discussed the pros and cons of pursuing efforts to be annexed into the City of Baton Rouge given the recent vote to create the City of St. George. The retirement system building is in the area that would be part of the new city. She plans to meet with the building co-owner, the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), and other United Plaza owners/tenants, and will report back to the Committee in November.

### **Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.