

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System  
Management Committee Meeting  
May 26, 2022**

The Management Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. Thomas Bickham, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

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Members present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Mr. Charles Castille, Mr. Byron Decoteau, Ms. Ternisa Hutchinson, Judge William Kleinpeter, Ms. Amy Mathews, Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Barbara McManus, Mr. Philip Qualls (designee of the Treasurer), and Ms. Shannon Temple

Members absent: Senator Barrow Peacock and Representative Phillip DeVillier

Staff present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief of Staff; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Bobby Beale, Chief Investment Officer; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Mr. Johnathon Sprouse, IT Director; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Morgan Robertson, Attorney; Ms. Megan Jones, Retirement Benefit Supervisor; Mr. Osama Amous, IT Technical Support Specialist; Mr. Logan Davis, IT Technical Support Analyst; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management Officer; and Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary

Also present: Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster

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

**Public Comment**

Mr. Bickham called for public comment. No public comments were made.

**Regular Business**

Mr. Bickham called for approval of the April 28, 2022 Management Committee minutes. **Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

Mr. Bickham announced there were no disability denials this month.

**Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Judge Kleinpeter, to approve the May 2022 Disability Retirement Report. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

In the Executive Counsel's report, Ms. Grant stated there was nothing new to report.

### **New Business**

Ms. Jones reviewed the list of alternate physicians to be added to the State Medical Disability Board.

**Ms. McManus 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. Bickham announced that the Enterprise Risk Management update is tabled.

Mr. Boudreaux, on behalf of Mr. McIlwain, reviewed the Chief Administrative Officer's comments. He stated that as of today, the number of Disability Retirees who failed to submit the required documentation is down to 51. Of those 51, 21 have filed extensions with the IRS for their tax documentation.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Chief of Staff's comments. He stated that LASERS is still working to process the new W4P tax forms, which allows retirees to withhold the correct amount of income tax from their pension. He also stated LASERS is still working on implementing the new phone system, which should hopefully go into effect by the end of July. LASERS is also implementing a new firewall system to further fortify the cyber security efforts being made.

Ms. Rougeou reviewed the Executive Director's comments. She reported that Mr. McIlwain will present the Enterprise Risk Management update next month. She also hopes to have LASERS Incidence Response Plan ready to present next month, as well.

**Judge Kleinpeter moved, seconded by Ms. McManus, to approve Trustees to attend the NASRA Conference, in Long Beach, CA, on August 6-10, 2022. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

### **Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.