

**Louisiana State Employees Retirement System
Management Committee Meeting
May 18, 2023**

The Management Committee of the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System met on Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the fourth floor Board Room of the Retirement Systems Building, located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Ms. McManus, on behalf of Judge William Kleinpeter, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Beth Labello, recording secretary.

Members present: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Mr. Charles Castille, Mr. Byron Decoteau, Ms. Ternisa Hutchinson, Ms. Amy Mathews, Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Barbara McManus, and Ms. Shannon Templet

Members absent: Senator Barrow Peacock, Judge William Kleinpeter, Representative Barry Ivey, and Treasurer John Schroder

Staff present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief of Staff; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Mr. Travis McIlwain, Chief Administrative Officer; 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; Mr. Steve Stark, Deputy General Counsel; Ms. Morgan Robertson, Attorney; Ms. Mallory Sharp, Public Information Director; 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

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

Public Comment

Ms. McManus called for public comment. No public comments were made.

Regular Business

Ms. McManus called for approval of the April 27, 2023, Management Committee minutes. **Mr. Bickham moved, seconded by Mr. Castille, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

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

Mr. Bickham moved, seconded by Mr. Castille, to approve the May 2023 Disability Retirement Report. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

In the Executive Counsel's report, Ms. Grant updated the Committee on the Slaughter v. LASERS suit, which was won by LASERS. Judge Balfour heard the case on May 15, and he granted the exception of res judicata, which rendered the exception of no cause of action moot. LASERS and those Trustees who were served have been dismissed from the case. Ms. Grant expects Dr. Slaughter to appeal the court's ruling through the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.

New Business

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

Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Mr. Bickham, 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. 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 87.

Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the Chief of Staff's comments.

Ms. Rougeou reviewed the Executive Director's comments.

Mr. Bickham moved, seconded by Ms. Templet, to approve Trustees to attend the NASRA Conference, in Bloomfield, CO, on August 5-9, 2023. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Bickham moved, seconded by Ms. Templet, to approve Trustees to attend the LAPERS Conference, in New Orleans, LA, on September 10-12, 2023. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.

Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.