

**Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System**  
**Special Board Meeting**

*Monday, July 21, 2014*

9:44 a.m.

The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System's Special Board Meeting convened in the boardroom (Room 100) of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System Building, located at 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Faulk, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Stark.

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**Members Present:** Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr., Mr. Henry Yearby, Ms. Judith Ann McKee, Ms. Kathy B. Landry, Ms. Betty Crain, Mr. Philip B. Walther, Mr. Joe Salter - designee for Mr. Tom Schedler - Secretary of State, \*Ms. Ashlee McNeely - representative for Ms. Kristy Nichols - Commissioner of Administration

**Members Absent:** Mr. John Kennedy - State Treasurer, Senator Elbert L. Guillory - Chairman, Senate Committee on Retirement, Representative J. Kevin Pearson - Chairman, House Committee on Retirement

**Staff Present:** Mr. Charles Bujol – Executive Director, Ms. Carolyn Forbes - Assistant Director, Ms. Larisa Ellard - Internal Auditor, Mr. Christopher Saik – Interim Chief Investment Officer, Ms. Laurie Stark - Administrative Assistant

**Staff Absent:** Ms. Lauren Bailey - Executive Counsel

**Others Present:** Mr. Jeffrey Boucek and Mr. Keith Reynolds - Segal Rogerscasey, Mr. Daniel Talih Arbid - Legislative Auditor's Office

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\* Ms. Ashlee McNeely is in attendance on behalf of the Commissioner of Administration's office as a non-voting representative

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was presented to the Board for approval.

**ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. CRAIN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT** the Board approved the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON AGENDA**

Mr. Faulk called for public comments on any item on the agenda. There were no comments.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Rester recommended that the reports presented during the Investment Committee be approved.

**ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. CRAIN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved the reports presented during the Investment Committee.

**UPDATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON COST AND TIMELINE FOR CIO SEARCH**

Mr. Bujol provided an overview of the costs and timelines required to perform a search for a Chief Investment Officer. Ms. Landry made a motion to advertise the position for 30 days in the Baton Rouge "Advocate", New Orleans "Times Picayune" and the "Pensions and Investments". This motion was seconded by Ms. McKee. Mr. Rester then made a substitute motion to hire Christopher Saik for the position. This motion was seconded by Mr. Walther. Mr. Faulk requested a roll call vote.

**ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MR. WALTHER AND CARRIED BY MAJORITY CONSENT**, the Board agreed to hire Mr. Christopher Saik as Chief Investment Officer effective immediately. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Philip Walther - YES; Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr. - YES; Ms. Judith Ann McKee - NO; Mr. Kathy B. Landry - NO; Ms. Betty Crain - YES; Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr. - YES; Mr. Henry Yearby - NO; Mr. Joe Salter - YES.  
**YES - 5, NO - 3, ABSTAIN - 0, MOTION PASSED.**

**ON MOTION BY MS. LANDRY, SECONDED BY MS. McKEE AND CARRIED BY MAJORITY CONSENT**, the Board agreed to the salary of \$80,000 per year for the Chief Investment Officer position. (It was noted that there was one vote in opposition by Mr. Yearby.)

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO DIRECT DEPOSIT MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS TO RETIREES**

Mr. Bujol and Ms. Forbes provided an overview of the recommended procedures that the Board may consider for how direct deposit monthly notifications to retirees may be handled. Only retirees who have newly set up direct deposits would receive a one-time notification in the mail.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO DIRECT DEPOSIT MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS TO RETIREES (CONT.)**

Other retirees would receive notification in the mail whenever there has been a net change in their check stub such as a change in their insurance, a COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) or a change in their federal tax withholding. All retirees would receive a direct deposit notification in December of each year. This would save the system over \$67,000 per year in fees associated with printing and postage.

**ON MOTION BY MS. LANDRY, SECONDED BY MS. McKEE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board agreed to the recommended procedures relative to direct deposit notifications to retirees.

**APPROVAL OF STATE MEDICAL DISABILITY BOARD PHYSICIANS**

Mr. Bujol provided for the Board's consideration the candidate for the State Medical Disability Board physician. Dr. Jose Artecona was recommended by the longtime physician who formerly held that position.

**ON MOTION BY MS. LANDRY, SECONDED BY MS. McKEE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Jose Artecona to the State Medical Disability Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MS. McKEE, SECONDED BY MR. RESTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

  
Charles P. Bujol, Director

  
Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman

