

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System
Quarterly Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:30 a.m.

The Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System's Quarterly 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. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman of Board, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Board recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was then called by Ms. Stark.

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Members Present: Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr., Ms. Kathy B. Landry, Ms. Colleen Barber, Mr. Henry Yearby, Mr. Philip B. Walther, Ms. Lori Pierce – designee for Mr. John Kennedy – State Treasurer, Mr. Annie Smith – representative for House Committee on Retirement, Ms. Margaret Corley – representative for Senator Barrow Peacock – Chairman, Senate Committee on Retirement

Members Absent: Mr. Tom Schedler – Secretary of State

Staff Present: Mr. Charles Bujol – Executive Director, Ms. Carolyn Forbes - Assistant Director, Ms. Lauren Bailey - Executive Counsel, Ms. Larisa Ellard - Internal Auditor, Ms. Laurie Stark – Administrative Assistant V, Ms. Ashley D. Simmons – Executive Staff Officer

Others Present: Mr. Jeffrey Boucek - Segal Rogerscasey, Mr. Matthew Freedman, Mr. Richard Gray and Mr. Michael Robbins (via Skype), Ms. Penny Brown, Ms. Betty Crain

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**August 22, 2016 - Quarterly Board Meeting**

ON MOTION BY MS. McKEE, SECONDED BY MR. YEARBY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the August 22, 2016 Quarterly Board meeting.

October 17, 2016 – Investment Committee Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MS. McKEE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Investment Committee meeting.

October 17, 2016 – Special Board Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. LANDRY, SECONDED BY MS. McKEE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Special Board meeting.

INTERVIEW CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER CANDIDATES

Three (3) candidates were interviewed for the position of Chief Investment Officer.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. LANDRY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board agreed to go into executive session.

List of Candidates:

Mr. Michael Robbins
Mr. Matthew Freedman
Mr. Richard Gray

ON MOTION BY MS. McKEE, SECONDED BY MR. RESTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board agreed to go back into regular session.

Discussion was held relative to the candidate the Board wished to hire as the new Chief Investment Officer and the desired salary conveyed. Ms. Landry stated that the Assistant Director's salary should be raised to be more than what the new Chief Investment Officer is being offered.

ON MOTION BY MS. LANDRY, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER, the Board would offer Mr. Matthew Freedman the position of Chief Investment Officer at a salary of \$110,000.00 with the first right of refusal and then to Mr. Richard Gray should Mr. Freedman refuse the position. Also, the Board would raise Ms. Forbes salary to \$120,000.00. **ROLL CALL:** Ms. Colleen Barber – YES; Ms. Lori Pierce – NO; Ms. Kathy B. Landry – YES; Ms. Judith Ann McKee – YES; Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr. – YES; Mr. Philip Walther – YES; Mr. Henry Yearby – NO; Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr. – NO.

YES – 5, NO – 3, ABSTAIN – 0, MOTION FAILED.

Ms. Bailey reminded the Board that R.S. 11:1164 requires six votes for any decision by the Board.

ON MOTION BY MS. PIERCE, SECONDED BY MR. WALTHER AND CARRIED BY MAJORITY CONSENT, the Board agreed to offer Mr. Matthew Freedman the position of Chief Investment Officer with an initial salary offer of \$100,000.00 and approval to offer \$105,000.00 if initial offer is declined. In the event Mr. Freedman declined, the position would be offered to Mr. Richard Gray. **ROLL CALL:** Ms. Colleen Barber – YES; Ms. Lori Pierce – YES; Ms. Kathy B. Landry – YES; Ms. Judith Ann McKee – YES; Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr. – YES; Mr. Philip Walther – YES; Mr. Henry Yearby – YES; Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr. – YES.

YES – 8, NO – 0, ABSTAIN – 0, MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Freedman was contacted by Mr. Bujol to inform him of the Board's decision to offer him the position of Chief Investment Officer. He was offered a salary of \$100,000.00 per year, which he declined. He agreed to accept the position at a salary of \$105,000.00 with the option to renegotiate his salary the next year.

ON MOTION BY MS. McKEE, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board agreed to hire Mr. Matthew Freedman as the new Chief Investment Officer at a salary of \$105,000.00 with the option to renegotiate his salary the following year.


OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ON MOTION BY MS. McKEE, SECONDED BY MR. RESTER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board adjourned at 12:04 p.m.


Charles P. Bujol, Executive Director


Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman