Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System Quarterly Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 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. Roll was then called by Mrs. Simmons.

Members Present:

Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr., Ms. Andrea Matte, Ms. Colleen Barber, Ms. Penny Brown, *Ms. Lori Pierce – designee for Mr. John Schroder – State Treasurer, *Mr. Randy Davis – designee for Mr. Jay Dardenne – Commissioner of Administration, *Joe Salter - Mr. Kyle Ardoin – Secretary of State.

Members Absent:

Mr. Philip B. Walther, Senator Barrow Peacock – Chairman, Senate Committee on Retirement, Representative Barbara Carpenter – House Committee on Retirement.

Staff Present:

Mr. Charles Bujol – Executive Director, Mr. Robert Collins - Executive Counsel, Mr. Matthew Freedman - Chief Investment Officer, Ms. LaQuinta Jordan - Internal Auditor, Ms. Ashley D. Simmons – Executive Staff Officer, Ms. Chenfei Zhou - Assistant Director, Ms. Carolyn Forbes – Assistant Director

Others Present:

Mr. Greg Curran – G.S. Curran & Company, Elizabeth Thornton, Senior Auditor, LLA, Ms. Tracy Gaudet – Accountant Manager I.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Charles Bujol requested that the Board amend the agenda by adding an item to discuss authorizing staff to research new DROP/IBRP LA investment options.

ON MOTION OF MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY YEARBY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the amended agenda as requested by Mr. Bujol.

^{*} Ms. Lori Pierce, Mr. Randy Davis, and Mr. Joe Salter departed the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Mr. Bujol introduced Tracy S. Gaudet, the new Accountant Manager I. She succeeded Ms. Chenfei Zhou in the Accounting Department.

ACTUARIAL RATES IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Ms. Zhou presented the *Actuarial Equivalence*, *Mortality, Interest Assumptions* implementation plan containing the discount rates that the Board had approved at the May 7, 2018 Quarterly meeting after presentation of the Experience Study by the system actuary. She explained the timeline and implementation schedule, then addressed questions from the Board.

ON MOTION BY MR. YEARBY, SECONDED BY MS. MATTE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the implementation plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 7, 2018 - Quarterly Board Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MR. YEARBY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Quarterly Board meeting.

June 11, 2018 – Investment Committee Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Investment Committee meeting.

June 11, 2018 - Special Board Meeting

ON MOTION BY MR. YEARBY, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Special Board meeting.

July 23, 2018 - Investment Committee Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Investment Committee meeting.

July 23, 2018 - Special Board Meeting

ON MOTION BY MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MS. MATTE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the minutes of the July 23, 2018 Special Board meeting.

DISCUSS DROP/IBRP LA SELF-DIRECTED PLAN

Mr. Bujol presented information seeking Board's approval to allow staff to research feasibility of moving from Capital One liquid asset money market account to Empower's interest guaranteed account with Louisiana Deferred Compensation and for implementing a DROP/IBRP LA Self-Directed Plan with Empower. The staff will come back after the research and present a recommendation for the Board's consideration and approval at a later date.

ON MOTION BY MR. YEARBY, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved allowing staff to research the feasibility of moving from Capital One liquid asset money market account to Empower's interest guaranteed account.

ADMINISTRATION

Reports

Ms. Zhou provided a review of the following reports, then addressed questions from the Board.

Human Resources Action Report Travel Expense Reports (Year-to-Date and Staff) Overtime Reports

ON MOTION BY MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MS. MATTE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the Administration reports.

Consideration of 2019 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Bujol presented for the Board's consideration the proposed 2019 Board Meeting schedule.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the 2019 Board Meeting schedule.

Approval of 2019 Election Schedule

Mr. Collins provided the proposed 2019 Election Schedule for the District 1 Active-Member Representative.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the 2019 Election Schedule.

AUDIT

Ms. Jordan presented an overview of Compliance Audits she performed on *Allen, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, and Plaquemines Parishes*.

ON MOTION BY MR. YEARBY, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the audit reports.

LEGAL

Litigation Report

Mr. Collins provided a review of the litigation report, and then addressed questions from the Board.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the litigation report.

Collections Report

Mr. Collins provided a review of the collections report.

ON MOTION BY MR. YEARBY, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the collections report.

APPROVAL OF STATE MEDICAL DISABILITY BOARD PHYSICIAN

Mr. Collins presented for the Board's review and approval the addition of Dr. Stephen W. Etheredge to the State Medical Disability Board starting with the present calendar year.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved Dr. Etheredge to the State Medical Disability Board starting with the present calendar year.

SCR 107 SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING

An educational presentation regarding Sexual Harassment was provided by Mr. Collins pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 107 of 2012. This training included an audio/visual component titled: *CPTP Preventing Sexual Harassment 2018* provided by the Louisiana Department of Civil Service.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Charles P. Bujol, Executive Director