

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

*Monday, February 11, 2020*

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. Ashley D. Simmons.

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**Members Present:** Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Ms. Andrea Matte, Ms. Colleen Barber, Mr. Henry Yearby, Mr. Philip Walther, Ms. Penny Brown, Mr. James Mack\* – designee for Mr. John Schroder – State Treasurer, Mr. Randy Davis – designee for Mr. Jay Dardenne – Commissioner of Administration, Mr. Joe Salter\*\* – designee for Mr. Kyle Ardoin – Secretary of State

**Members Absent:** Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr., Rep. Barbara Carpenter - Committee on Retirement member appointed by the Speaker, Senator Edward Price – Chairman, Senate Committee on Retirement

**Staff Present:** Mr. Charles Bujol – Executive Director, Ms. Chenfei Zhou - Assistant Director, Mr. John Strange - Executive Counsel, Mr. Matthew Freedman – Chief Investment Officer, Ms. Ashley D. Simmons – Executive Staff Officer.

**Others Present:** Mr. Greg Curran – G.S. Curran & Company

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\*Mr. James Mack departed at 9:45

\*\* Mr. Joe Salter departed at 11:23

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

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

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Curran provided an educational audio/visual presentation and a handout titled: *Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27: Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. He then addressed questions from the Board.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved to move *Item VIII: 2020 Legislative Session: Discuss and Consider Pre-filed Legislation that Impacts LSERS to Item II* on the Agenda.

**2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. Strange provided an overview of the upcoming 2020 Legislative Session which begins at noon on March 9, 2020, and ends on June 1, 2020, at 6 pm. Mr. Strange gave an update on 6 bills that LSERS is tracking for the 2020 Regular session of the Legislature.

Per Mr. Strange, Representative Barry Ivey's **HB 28** proposes to create a new Hybrid plan for employees hired on or after July 1, 2021, who are eligible for membership in State Retirement systems. The proposed plan would have a defined benefit and defined contribution component.

Other bills were discussed as follow:

**HB 26 – Barry Ivey**

A constitutional Amendment eliminating certain protections for certain retirement benefits of state retirement system members.

**HB 20 – Rodney Schamerhorn**

A constitutional Amendment prohibiting the use of state and local public funds to pay for retirement contributions and life and health insurance premiums of elected officials elected after Jan. 1, 2021.

**SB 18 – Barrow Peacock**

Provides relative to retirement eligibility for certain members of state retirement systems.

**SB 19 – Barrow Peacock**

Provides relative to Board Membership for state and statewide retirement systems.

**SB 21 – Barrow Peacock**

Requires actuarial valuation to be submitted to House and Senate within 10 days of Board approval.

The LSERS Board will discuss what positions will be taken regarding these bills at its board meeting on March 9, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 2, 2019 - Quarterly Board Meeting**

**January 6, 2020 – Special Board Meeting**

**January 6, 2020 – Investment Committee Meeting**

**ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved all the minutes listed on the agenda.

**ADMINISTRATION****Reports**

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

Human Resources Actions and Overtime Report  
Administrative Fund – Budget to Actual Quarterly Report  
Travel Expenses Reports (Year-to-Date and Staff)

**ON MOTION BY MR. WALTHER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved the Administration reports.

**UPDATE ON EMPOWER TRANSITION**

Ms. Zhou updated the Board on the transition to Empower. The new Self-directed Plan with Empower Retirement for DROP/IBRP LA has been fully implemented. New operations have been in practice and LSERS will continue monitoring the investment performance.

**2019 ANNUAL CONSULTANT EVALUATION RESULTS**

Mr. Bujol presented a review of the 2019 Annual Consultant Evaluation Results, then addressed questions from the Board.

**ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MR. WALTHER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved to accept the Consultation Evaluation Results.

**LEGAL**

**Reports**

Mr. Strange provided a review of the Litigation Report, then addressed questions from the Board.

**ON MOTION BY MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MS. MATTE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved the Litigation report.

Mr. Strange provided a review of the Collections Report, then addressed questions from the Board.

**ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MR. YEARBY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board approved the Collections report.

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Freedman provided an educational audio/visual presentation titled: *Asset Allocation Implementation*. He then addressed questions from the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.


**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MS. BARBER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the Board adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

  
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Charles P. Bujol, Executive Director

  
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Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman