

A regular meeting of the Michigan State Employees' Retirement System Board was held at the State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, First Floor, Conference Room A, Lansing, Michigan, on January 23, 2014. The following members, staff and observers participated:

Members Present: Robert Brackenbury, representing State Treasurer
Matthew Fedorchuk, Employee Member
John Gnodtke, representing State Personnel Director
Randall Gregg, representing Commissioner of the Department of
Insurance and Financial Services
Molly Jason, representing the Attorney General
Douglas Johnson, Retiree Member
Ronald Jones, Retiree Member
Craig Murray, representing the Deputy Auditor General
Ruth Schwartz, Employee Member

Staff Present: Laurie Hill, Executive Secretary
Chanda Donnan, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kyle McLaughlin of the Office of Attorney General; Mary Pollock from State Employees Retirement Association; and Marsha Bailey.

Call to Order

Chair Craig Murray called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

John Gnodtke moved, Ruth Schwartz supported, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Executive Secretary Laurie Hill asked the Nominating Committee for recommendations for the office of chair. On behalf of the Committee, Ruth Duquette nominated Craig Murray for the office of chair. Ms. Hill asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Being no further nominations, Ms. Hill closed the nominations and a vote was taken unanimously approving Craig Murray for the office of chair.

Chair Craig Murray asked the Nominating Committee for recommendations for the office of vice-chair. On behalf of the Committee, Molly Jason nominated Douglas Johnson for the office of vice-chair. Mr. Murray asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Being no further nominations, Mr. Murray closed the nominations and a voice vote was taken unanimously approving Douglas Johnson for the office of vice-chair.

Approval of Minutes

Randall Gregg moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to approve the revised regular session meeting minutes of December 12, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Disability Retirement Applications

Non-Duty Disability Retirement Applications

Douglas Johnson moved, Ruth Schwartz supported, to approve non-duty disability applications 1-7 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 8A. The motion carried unanimously.

Duty Disability Retirement Applications

Ronald Jones moved, Matthew Fedorchuk supported, to approve duty disability applications 1-2 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 8B. The motion carried unanimously.

Disability Application Extension Request

John Gnodtke moved, Ruth Schwartz supported, to grant Disability Application Extension Requests 1-4 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 9A for an extension of time to apply for a disability retirement allowance. The motion carried.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2012-002024 ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Douglas Johnson moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the November 8, 2013, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's appeal under MCL 38.1i. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2013-006406 ORS

The Board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, Ronald Jones supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the November 20, 2013, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's appeal under MCL 38.19f. The motion carried unanimously.

New BusinessDisability Approvals Memorandum

The Board reviewed the memorandum and asked clarifying questions to board counsel and the executive secretary. The Board requested additional information from the AAG to be discussed at the next meeting.

Legislative Report

A report was provided for the Board's information.

Executive Secretary Comments

Laurie Hill informed the board materials will soon be available electronically eliminating the need for the paper-filled binders. Craig Murray, Douglas Johnson, Molly Jason, and Matthew Fedorchuk will serve on the test team prior to rolling the program out to the rest of the board.

Board Comments

No comments were received.

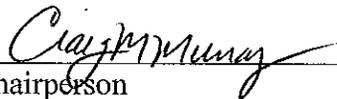
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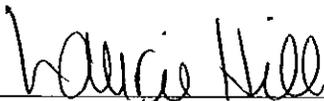
Comments were received by Mary Pollock.

Adjournment

Ronald Jones moved, Ruth Schwartz supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES


Chairperson


Executive Secretary

