

A regular meeting of the **Michigan State Employees' Retirement System Board** was held at the State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, Conference Room A, Lansing, Michigan, on January 8, 2015. The following members, staff and observers participated:

Members Present: Robert Brackenbury, representing State Treasurer
 John Gnodtke, representing State Personnel Director
 Randall Gregg, representing Commissioner of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services
 Molly Jason, representing the Attorney General
 Vernon Johnson, Retiree Member
 Craig Murray, representing the Deputy Auditor General

Staff Present: Kerrie Vanden Bosch, Executive Secretary
 Chanda Donnan, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Jim Walkowicz of UAW Local 6000; Marcia Bailey of Disability Determination Services; Patrick Fitzgerald of the Office of Attorney General; Lois Musbach of the Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair Craig Murray called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Randall Gregg moved, John Gnodtke supported, to excuse the absence of Matthew Fedorchuk, Douglas Johnson and Ruth Schwartz. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

John Gnodtke moved, Randall Gregg supported, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Executive Secretary Kerrie Vanden Bosch asked the Nominating Committee for recommendations for the office of chair. On behalf of the Committee, Vernon Johnson nominated Craig Murray for the office of chair. Ms. Vanden Bosch asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Being no further nominations, Ms. Vanden Bosch 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, Vernon Johnson 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

Robert Brackenbury moved, Vernon Johnson supported, to approve the regular session meeting minutes of November 6, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Disability Application Extension Request

Duty Disability Retirement Extension Request Applications

John Gnodtke moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to approve duty disability extension request applications 1-3 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 9A. The motion carried unanimously.

Duty Disability Retirement for Good Cause Applications

Randall Gregg moved, Vernon Johnson supported, to approve duty disability for good cause application 1-1 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 9B. The motion carried.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2014-013136-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, Vernon Johnson supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the October 14, 2014 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits under MCL 38.24. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2014-005318-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, Vernon Johnson supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the October 3, 2014 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for duty disability retirement benefits under MCL 38.67a with clarification that the order shall reflect that references to "MCL 38.21" shall be changed to "MCL 38.67a." The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Processing of Disability Retirement Applications

Vernon Johnson moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to authorize the Office of Retirement Services to process non-duty disability retirement allowances under MCL 38.24 and MCL 38.67a for eligible members and qualified participants who satisfy the service requirements for the same and are certified by a Board-designated physician to be “totally and permanently incapacitated for further performance of duty. Said authorization shall be effective on an indefinite basis unless revoked or otherwise revised by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Brackenbury moved, Vernon Johnson supported, to authorize the Office of Retirement Services to process duty disability retirement allowances under MCL 38.21 and MCL 38.67a for eligible members and qualified participants who 1) timely submit applications; 2) are certified by a Board-designated physician to be “totally and permanently incapacitated for further performance of duty;” and 3) the disability is further certified as being the proximate result of the performance of state duty. Said authorization shall be effective on an indefinite basis unless revoked or otherwise revised by the Board. The motion carried.

John Gnodtke moved, Robert Gregg supported, to authorize the Office of Retirement Services to process extension requests for disability retirement applicants who furnish “good cause.” Said authorization shall be effective on an indefinite basis unless revoked or otherwise revised by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Social Security Coverage Modification No. 994

Randall Gregg moved, John Gnodtke supported, to approve the modification of the State’s 218 Agreement to provide for Social Security coverage for police and fire positions that are covered by a retirement plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Social Security Coverage Modification No. 995

John Gnodtke moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to grant Spring Lake District Library’s request and approve the modification of the State’s 218 Agreement to include the Spring Lake District Library as a coverage group. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Comments

Patrick Fitzgerald provided an oral update on PA 264 of 2012 (Michigan Coalition v State of Michigan).

Board Comments

No comments were received.

Public Comments

Comments received by Jim Walkowicz.

Adjournment

Robert Brackenbury moved, Vernon Johnson supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Craig Murray adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chairperson

Executive Secretary

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