

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 March 20, 2014. 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  
Douglas Johnson, Retiree Member  
Ronald Jones, Retiree Member  
Craig Murray, representing the Deputy Auditor General

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

Others Present: Patrick Fitzgerald of the Office of Attorney General; Lois Musbach of the Office of Retirement Services; Jon Braeutigam of the Bureau of Investments in the Department of Treasury; Carla Dubie of Capital Services, Inc.; and Marcia Bailey.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Craig Murray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Excusing of Absent Members**

John Gnodtke moved, Ronald Jones supported, to excuse the absence of Matthew Fedorchuk and Ruth Schwartz. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Randall Gregg moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to revise the agenda by having the Annual Investment Report follow the New Pension Recipients report, and to remove Duty Disability case number four for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

John Gnodtke moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to approve the regular session meeting minutes of January 23, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Special Report**

Jon Braeutigam, Chief Investment Officer of the Bureau of Investments in the Department of Treasury, presented the Annual Investment Report to Board members and answered questions.

## **Disability Retirement Applications**

### Non-Duty Disability Retirement Applications

Ronald Jones moved, Douglas Johnson supported, to approve non-duty disability applications 1-17 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 7A. The motion carried unanimously.

### Duty Disability Retirement Applications

John Gnodtke moved, Douglas Johnson supported, to approve duty disability applications 1-2 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 7B. The motion carried unanimously.

John Gnodtke moved, Douglas Johnson supported, to remand duty disability application 3 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 7B, for a supplemental Independent Medical Advisor (IMA) Statement of Disability addressing the causation of migraines. The motion carried unanimously.

### Disability Retirement Re-examinations

John Gnodtke moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, to approve disability re-examinations 1-5 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 7C. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Disability Application Extension Request**

Douglas Johnson moved, Craig Murray supported, to grant Disability Application Extension Request for good cause 1-1 as presented in the Supplemental Information to the Agenda, 8A for an extension of time to apply for a disability retirement allowance. The motion carried.

## **Administrative Hearings**

### Proposal for Decision – Docket 2013-006038-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, Randall Gregg supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the December 30, 2013, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request to apply for disability retirement under MCL 38.67a. The motion carried unanimously.

### Proposal for Decision – Docket 2013-004216-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 December 11, 2013, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for duty disability retirement under MCL 38.21. The motion carried unanimously.

### Proposal for Decision – Docket 2013-007381-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the December 12, 2013, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's appeal to continue Defined Benefit plan membership under MCL 38.50a(3). The motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### Disability Approvals Memorandum

The Board reviewed the supplemental memorandum regarding proposed changes in the processing of disability retirement applications. Craig Murray moved, Douglas Johnson supported, that the Board adopt the Resolution as read to process disability retirement allowances under MCL 38.24 and 38.67a(5). The motion carried unanimously.

## **Legislative Report**

A report was provided for the Board's information.

**Executive Secretary Comments**

Laurie Hill expressed her appreciation to the Board for the thorough conversation and thought put into the decision made to delegate the processing of non-duty disabilities to Office of Retirement Services.

**Board Comments**

John Gnodtke thanked Patrick Fitzgerald for preparing the draft resolution to work from.

Craig Murray noted he had received a letter expressing no findings regarding the audit of the State Employees RS comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

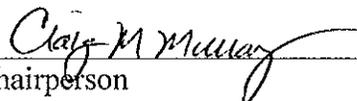
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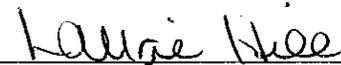
No comments were received.

**Adjournment**

Ronald Jones moved, Robert Brackenbury supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

  
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Chairperson

  
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Executive Secretary