

A regular meeting of the Michigan State Police Retirement Board was held on August 23, 2018, at the Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. The following Board members and staff participated:

Members Present: Insp. Steve O’Neill, Chair, representing Lieutenants and above
 Retired First Lieutenant Diane Bockhausen, representing retirees
 Craig Murray, representing the Deputy Auditor General
 Cheryl Schmittziel, Director of the Office of State Employer
 Detective Sergeant Mitchell Stevens, Vice Chair, representing Sergeants and below
 Molly Jason, for Attorney General
 Ann Storberg, representing the State Treasurer
 Bernard Kent, Public Member
 Insp. Matt Bolger, representing the Director of the Department of State Police

Staff Present: Anthony Estell, Executive Secretary
 Caleb Chamberlain, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathleen Markman of the Attorney General’s Office, Louise Gates from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, Lois Musbach, Kara Gross, Danielle Voss, Andy Kolp and Laurie Mitchell from Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair, Insp. Steve O’Neill called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

All members were present.

Approval of Agenda

Bernard Kent moved, Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens supported, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens moved, Cheryl Schmittziel supported, to amend the minutes with additional comments made by Larry Schneider regarding Social Security in public comments. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Pension Recipients

There was no discussion on the new pension recipients.

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

Insp. Steve O’Neill and Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens were nominated for Board Chair. After a roll call vote, Insp. Steve O’Neill was named Board Chair with a 7-2 majority. Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens was nominated and voted in as Vice-Chair unanimously.

New Business

Kara Gross from the Office of Retirement Service provided an ORS Disability Process presentation which was followed by Board Options for Disability Process from Kathleen Markman.

Special Reports

Louise Gates from Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company presented the 5-year Experience Study. Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens moved, Craig Murray supported, to approve the actuarial assumptions laid out in the 5-year experience study, as summarized in the memo from Kerrie Vanden Bosch to Insp. Steve O'Neill dated June 20, 2018, and to reduce the investment return assumption floor adopted as part of the dedicated gains policy at the board meeting on August 9th, 2017, from 7% to 6.5%. The motion was carried unanimously

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-010863-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Craig Murray moved, Bernard Kent supported, that the Board reject as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer as set forth in the Proposal for Decision dated January 29, 2018; and deny the Petitioner's request for duty disability retirement. The motion was denied with 8 votes against and 1 vote in support.

The Board further considered the case materials. Det Sgt. Mitchell Stevens moved, Retired Insp. Diane Bockhausen supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer as set forth in the Proposal for Decision dated January 29, 2018; and grant Petitioner's application for duty disability retirement under MCL 38.1626. The motion was carried with a vote of 8 in support and 1 against.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-002134-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Craig Murray moved, Insp. Matt Bolger supported, that the Board grant the Petitioner's application for duty disability retirement under MCL 38.1626 in accordance with the recommendations contained in the May 2018 supplemental IMA reports. The motion was carried unanimously.

Legislative Report

There was no discussion on the report.

Executive Secretary Comments

Anthony Estell thanked Caleb Chamberlain for stepping in on short notice while Lisa Reibold was away. The Executive Secretary also expressed sadness towards the loss of Diane Garrison.

Board Comment

Craig Murray asked if SPRS is expecting the same mortality table changes and impact to survivor options as the State Employees are expecting. Anthony Estell stated that both Boards are in very similar situations and now that the assumptions have been approved, new survivor options will be drafted by the end of the summer. Before adoption of the new options the Board would be addressed again to review the options.

Public Comment

No comments were received.

Adjournment

Det. Sgt. Mitchell Stevens moved, Bernard Kent supported that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES:

Signature on file
Chair

Signature on file
Executive Secretary