

A regular meeting of the **Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Board** was held at the Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan, on Thursday, July 18, 2024. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

**Members Present:**

Dr. Patricia Chatman, Community College Administrator/Trustee Member  
Liz Eastway, Co-Chair/Active or Retired Non-certified Educational Support  
Mark Greathead, School Superintendents  
Anne Hamming, Reporting Unit Board of Control  
Dr. Michele Harmala, Representing State Superintendent  
Brian Kwiatkowski, Active Classroom Teacher Member  
James Pearson, Retiree Member  
Kevin Philipps, Representing Finance/Operations, non-Superintendents  
Timothy Raymer, Chair/Finance/Operations, Retirants, Member of largest  
retirant organization  
John Solecki, Representing the General Public (investments)

**Staff Present:** Anthony Estell, Executive Secretary  
Joe Rauschenberger, Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** Kathy Markman of the Attorney General's office; Regina Jamerson, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Jocelyn Hain, Optum; Erik Poppe, WTW

**Call to Order**

Chair Tim Raymer called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

**Excusing of Absent Members**

No members were absent this meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Brian Kwiatkowski moved, Anne Hamming supported, to approve the July 18, 2024, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Approval of Board Minutes**

Anne Hamming moved, John Solecki supported, to approve the May 23, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Informational Reports**

- A. **Legislative Report** – There was no discussion on the report.
- B. **New Pension Recipients** – There was no discussion on the new pension recipients.

## **New Business**

- C. **Officer Elections** – Anne Hamming moved, Kevin Philipps supported, the nomination of Tim Raymer for Board Chair. Tim was unanimously re-elected Board Chair.

Kevin Philipps moved, Anne Hamming supported, the nomination of Liz Eastway for Board Vice Chair. Liz was unanimously re-elected Board Vice Chair.

- D. **Special Report** – Regina Jamerson from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan presented the 2023 Annual Healthcare Board Report and answered questions.
- E. **Special Report** – Jocelyn Hain from Optum presented the 2023 Annual Prescription Drug Program Board Report and answered questions.
- F. **Special Report** – Erik Poppe from WTW presented the 2025 Health Insurance Strategic Initiative Package and answered questions.

## **Motion For Approval**

**Approval for the 2025 Health Insurance Strategic Initiative Package** – Kevin Philipps moved, and Dr. Patricia Chatman supported, a motion to approve the 2025 Health Insurance Strategic Initiative Package. The motion carried unanimously.

## **G. Administrative Hearings**

### Proposal for Decision – Docket No. 23-005781

The Board considered the case materials. Kevin Philipps moved, and John Solecki supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 14, 2024, PFD, and deny the Petitioner's request to include the amounts identified by ORS as nonreportable (i.e., the tax sheltered annuity payments) as reportable compensation under MCL 38.1303a. The motion carried unanimously.

### Proposal for Decision – Docket No. 23-008299

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Mark Greathead supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 2, 2024, PFD, and deny the Petitioner's request to purchase additional Universal Buy-In service credit under MCL 38.1369f. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Executive Secretary Comments**

Executive Secretary Anthony Estell congratulated Tim Raymer and Liz Eastway on their re-elections as Chair and Vice Chair. Anthony also thanked the presenters for their informative presentations, as well as the board members for passing the 2025 Health Insurance Strategic Initiative Package.

## **Board Comments**

Tim Raymer and Liz Eastway thanked the board for their nominations and re-elections. They also both thanked the presenters for their helpful information.

## **Public Comments**

The new president-elect of MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) thanked the board for their work. He also mentioned, as a member of the Delta County MARSP chapter, that there are limited vendor services for TruHearing hearing aids in the upper peninsula. He respectfully requested consideration of a stipend for retirees to find local alternatives to TruHearing.

Miles Batterson, who identified himself as the son of a public school administrator and husband of a teacher, submitted a packet with questions and supporting data to the board regarding MPSEERS funding. Executive Secretary Anthony Estell accepted the packet and committed to investigating and providing answers to Mr. Batterson.

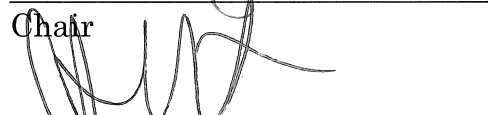
### Adjournment

Kevin Philipps moved, and Dr. Michele Harmala supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and Chair Tim Raymer adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES



Chair



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Executive Secretary