

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, November 7, 2024. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present:

Katie Cihak, Representing Reporting Unit Board of Control
 Liz Eastway, Vice Chair/Active or Retired Non-certified Educational Support
 Mark Greathead, Representing School Superintendents
 Dr. Michele Harmala, Representing State Superintendent
 James Pearson, Retiree Member
 Kevin Philipps, Representing Finance/Operations, non-Superintendents
 Timothy Raymer, Chair/Finance/Operations, Retirants, Member of largest
 retirant organization

Staff Present: Anthony Estell, Executive Secretary
 Joe Rauschenberger, Recording Secretary
 Kathy Markman, Board Counsel, Attorney General's office

Call to Order

Chair Tim Raymer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Liz Eastway moved, Kevin Philipps supported, to approve the excusing of absent members Dr. Patricia Chatman, Brian Kwiatkowski and new board member Brandon Way.

Approval of Agenda

Jim Pearson moved, Dr. Harmala supported, to approve the November 7, 2024, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes

Dr. Harmala moved, Kevin Philipps supported, to approve the July 18, 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

A. Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket No. 23-009083

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 July 16, 2024, PFD, and deny Petitioner's request to change their retirement healthcare election to the "premium subsidy benefit" plan in the MPSERS retiree healthcare plan (i.e., the benefits under the State-subsidized Insurance Plan) in accordance with MCL 38.1391a. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket No. 23-009109

The Board considered the case materials. Kevin Philipps moved, and Mark Greathead supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 20, 2024, PFD, and deny Petitioner's request to change their retirement healthcare election to the "premium subsidy benefit" plan in the MPSERS retiree healthcare plan (i.e., the benefits under the State-subsidized Insurance Plan) in accordance with MCL 38.1391a. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket No. 24-001855

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Dr. Harmala supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 23, 2024, PFD, and deny Petitioner's request for additional pension and healthcare benefits following the death of their mother, a member, who selected the straight life option in accordance with MCL 38.1385(1)(a). The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution for Anne Hamming

Liz Eastway moved, Jim Pearson supported, to approve the resolution for outgoing board member Anne Hamming. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution for John Solecki

Kevin Philipps moved, Dr. Harmala supported, to approve the resolution for outgoing board member John Solecki. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Comments

Executive Secretary Anthony Estell welcomed incoming board member Katie Cihak, and congratulated Dr. Chatman and Kevin Philipps on their recent reappointments to the board. Anthony also thanked the board at large for another year of their dedication and service.

Board Comments

Tim Raymer and Liz Eastway also welcomed Katie Cihak. Katie thanked the board for the warm welcome and expressed her enthusiasm to serve. Tim also thanked outgoing board members Anne Hamming and John Solecki, in absentia, for their service, noting they both admirably started on the board in early 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic.

Public Comments


There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Liz Eastway moved, and Dr. Harmala supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and Chair Tim Raymer adjourned the meeting at 10:49 am.

OFFICIAL MINUTES


 Chair



 Executive Secretary