

A regular meeting of the **Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Board** was held at the Capitol Commons Building, 400 S. Pine Street, Basement Conference Room, Lansing, Michigan, on Thursday, November 4, 2021. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present: Dr. Patricia Chatman, Community College Administrator/Trustee Member

Jeff Crouse, School Superintendents

Liz Eastway, Non-Certified Educational Support Member

Anne Hamming, Reporting Unit Board of Control Member

Scott Koenigsknecht, Chair, Michigan Department of Education

Brian Kwiatowski, Active Classroom Teacher Member

James Pearson, Retiree Member

Timothy Raymer, Vice Chair, Finance/Operations, Retirants,
Member of largest retirant organization

John Solecki, General Public Member, Investment Experience

Staff Present: Anthony Estell, Executive Secretary
Lisa Reimbold, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathy Markman of the Attorney General's office; Ben Louagie of Willis Towers Watson; Royce Humm of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; Angela Hua and Ronda Daugherty of IBM Watson; Kelly Lahr of Priority Health; Lisa Mulder; John Mulder; Allison Wardlaw and Patrick Guysky of the Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Jeff Crouse moved, Anne Hamming supported, to excuse the absence of Kevin Philipps. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Patricia Chatman moved, Anne Hamming supported, to approve the November 4, 2021, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes

Jim Pearson moved, Brian Kwiatkowski supported, to approve the September 16, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion carried with 8 yes and 1 abstention.

New Business

A. Administrative Hearing

Proposal for Decision – Docket 21-002010-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Tim Raymer moved, and Liz Eastway supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge in the September 3, 2021, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request to change or revoke her retirement plan election and healthcare election under MCL 38.1359(3) and MCL 38.1381d. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Dedicated Gains

Allison Wardlaw of Office of Retirement Services did a presentation on a proposed revision of the Dedicated Gains Policy that would allow a reduction of the assumed rate of return (AROR) to no lower than 6.0%. Liz Eastway moved, Tim Raymer supported the following motion:

As recommended in the memo from ORS Director Anthony Estell to Chair Scott Koenigsknecht dated October 13, 2021, I move to adopt the revision to the Dedicated Gains policy for the pension and health care plans for fiscal year 2021 and following pension and retiree health care valuations for MPSERS.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Interest Rate Establishment

Allison Wardlaw of Office of Retirement Services did a presentation on a proposed revision of the rate definitions for compound, regular, and simple interest for the MPSERS pension and retiree health care plans. Timothy Raymer moved, Liz Eastway supported the following motion:

As recommended in the memo from ORS Director Anthony Estell to Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht dated October 13, 2021, I move to adopt the proposed revision to the rate definitions for compound, regular, and simple interest for the MPSERS pension and retiree health care plans effective September 30, 2021.

The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Comments

Executive Secretary Anthony Estell mentioned his appreciation of the work ORS did on the Dedicated Gains Memo and Interest Rate Establishment memo. He also mentioned that the 2022 board meeting dates would be shared with the board within the next few days.

Board Comments

There were no board comments.

Public Comments

Lisa Mulder spoke before the board about her administrative hearing case.

Jack Slingerland made comments about healthcare nonpreferred drugs.

Adjournment

Jeffrey Crouse moved, and Anne Hamming supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and Chair Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

(signature on file)
Chair

(signature on file)
Executive Secretary