

A regular meeting of the **Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Board** was held at the Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, First Floor Board Room, Lansing, Michigan, on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present: Charles "Dan" Christner, Retiree Member
 Laura Colligan, Reporting Unit Board of Control Member
 Liz Eastway, Non-Certified Educational Support Member
 Mike Engle, Active Classroom Teacher Member
 Stephen Epstein, General Public Member, Investment Experience
 Scott Koenigsknecht, Chair, Michigan Department of Education
 Ann Kroneman, Community College Administrator/Trustee
 Member
 Jeff Mills, Representing School Superintendents Member
 Kevin Philipps, Representing Finance/Operations, non-Superintendents
 Timothy Raymer, Representing Finance/Operations, Retirants, Member of largest retirant organization
 Alan Sonnanstine, General Public Member, Actuarial Experience

Staff Present: Kerrie Vanden Bosch, Executive Secretary
 Lisa Reimbold, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathy Markman of the Attorney General's office; Ben Louagie, Virginia Gibson and Brian Morris of Willis Towers Watson; James Pearson of the MEA; Ronda Daugherty and Angela Hua of IBM Watson Health; Mark Guastella, Paul Lerg and Chuck Abshagen of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; Ted Mitchell of OptumRx; Regina Jamerson of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan; Paul Wood of Macomb ISD; Chanda Donnan and Anthony Estell of the Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair Scott Koenigsknecht called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

All board members were present.

Approval of Agenda

Dan Christner moved, Kevin Philipps supported, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Jeff Mills moved, Ann Kroneman supported, to approve the regular session meeting minutes of March 21, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 18-008510-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, Jeff Mills supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge in the March 18, 2019, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact presented for purposes of deciding the motion and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request to change her retirement healthcare election to the “premium subsidy benefit” plan in the MPSERS retiree healthcare plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 18-010878-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Timothy Raymer moved, Stephen Epstein supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge in the April 17, 2019, Proposal for Decision (PFD), including the proposed Findings of Fact presented for purposes of deciding the motion and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request to include the \$3,000 payments in his Final Average Compensation (FAC) with the correction of the citation in the last paragraph on page 11 of the PFD to MCL 38.1303a. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Ben Louagie from Willis Towers Watson (WTW) presented the Health Strategic Initiative Package for 2020 to members and answered questions. He also announced the dates that the Health Initiative Review Committee will meet for ORS and WTW staff to review the changes with any interested parties and answer questions.

Standing Reports

Legislative Summary - The Board received the current report.

Election of Officers

Executive Secretary Kerrie Vanden Bosch asked the Nominating Committee for recommendations for the office of chair. On behalf of the Committee, Liz Eastway nominated, and Ann Kroneman seconded Scott Koenigsknecht for the office of chair. Ms. Vanden Bosch asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Being no further nominations, Ms. Vanden Bosch closed the nominations and a voice vote was taken unanimously approving Scott Koenigsknecht for the office of chair.

Chair Scott Koenigsknecht asked the Nominating Committee for recommendations for the office of vice chair. On behalf of the Committee, Stephen Epstein nominated and Dan Christner seconded Timothy Raymer for the office of vice chair. Mr. Koenigsknecht asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Being no further nominations, Mr. Koenigsknecht closed the nominations and a voice vote was taken unanimously approving Timothy Raymer for the office of vice chair.

Executive Secretary Comments

Executive Secretary Kerrie Vanden Bosch announced that Timothy Raymer had been re-appointed to the Board.

Board Comments

Timothy Rayner recognized Mark Guastella's years of service at Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

Public Comments

Mark Guastella inquired about the number of disability retirement applications approved and asked to get clarification on retirees acting as substitute teachers. Executive Secretary Kerrie Vanden Bosch indicated that she would provide that information to him.

Paul Lerg congratulated Mark Guastella on his retirement and thanked ORS staff and BOI staff for their continued work for the MPSERS members.

Adjournment

Stephen Epstein moved, Laura Colligan supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and Chair Scott Koenigsknecht adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Signature on file
 Chair

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 Executive Secretary