

A regular meeting of the State of Michigan Retirement Board was held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at the Stevens T. Mason Building in Lansing, MI.

Members Present: Dr. John Wojcik, representing Michigan National Guard
Lauri Schmidt, representing State Retirees
Craig Murray, representing the Auditor General
Phil Thompson, representing the General Public
Ann Marie Storberg, representing the State Treasurer
Dave Berridge, representing State Employees
Judge David Sawyer, representing Judges
John Gnodtke, representing the State Personnel Director

Staff Present: Meg Skelley, Executive Secretary
Nick Soucy, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathleen Markman of the Attorney General's Office, Chanda Donnan of ORS, Makayla Vivio, ORS Student Assistant, Mary Pollock of SERA, and Michael Bell of GRCC

Call to Order

Chair Dr. John Wojcik called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary did roll call.

Excusing Absent Members, Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

John Gnodtke moved, Craig Murray supported, to excuse the absence of Lisa Geminick, approve the agenda and approve the last meeting's minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

- A. **Legislative Report.** Allison Wardlaw answered board member questions.
- B. **Duty and Non-Duty Disability Case Summary.** No discussion on these items.
- C. **New Pension Recipients.** No discussion on these items.

New Business

A). Special Presentations

1. Allison Wardlaw from ORS presented on Dedicated Gains for Board members and answered their questions.

Craig Murray motioned, and John Gnodtke supported that, as recommended in the memo from ORS Director Anthony Estell to Dr. John Wojcik dated October 13, 2021, the Board move to adopt the revision to the Dedicated Gains policy for the SERS, JRS and MRP pension and retiree health care plans for the FY 2021 and following valuations. The motioned carried unanimously.

2. Allison Wardlaw from ORS presented the Interest Rate Establishment to Board members and answered their questions.

John Gnodtke motioned, and Judge Sawyer supported that, as recommended in the memo from ORS Director Anthony Estell to Dr. John Wojcik dated October 13, 2021, the Board move to adopt the proposed revision to the rate definitions for “regular interest” (SERS) and “interest” (JRS) for the pension and retiree health care plans effective September 30, 2021. The motioned carried unanimously.

B). Administrative Hearing

Proposal for Decision—Docket No. 20-007282 -ORS

The board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, and Judge Sawyer supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 15, 2021, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision—Docket No. 21-002921-ORS

The board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved, and Lauri Schmidt supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the October 20, 2021, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request for duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision— Docket No. 21-000533-ORS

The board considered the case materials. John Gnodtke moved and Judge Sawyer supported, that after correcting the year “2017” to “2019” throughout pages 6 and 7 of the PFD, the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 5, 2021 PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

C). Officer Elections for SOMRB Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. John Wojcik nominated Dave Berridge for Board Chair. Judge Sawyer seconded a motion in support of the nomination. After a roll call vote, Dave Berridge was named Board Chair unanimously.

Dr. John Wojcik nominated Lauri Schmidt for Vice Chair. John Gnodtke seconded a motion in support of the nomination. After a roll call vote, Lauri Schmidt was named Vice-Chair unanimously.

Executive Secretary Comments

Meg Skelley thanked and congratulated Judge David Sawyer, Dr. John Wojcik

Board Comments

Board members thanked and congratulated Judge David Sawyer, Dr. John Wojcik for their service on the SOMRB.

John Gnodtke announced that he would be leaving the SOMRB and appointing a new representative from the State Personnel Director’s office.

Public Comments

Mary Pollock commented on a pending legislative item and congratulated the board members who were leaving the SOMRB.

Adjournment

Craig Murray moved and Judge Sawyer supported that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Signature on file

Chair

Signature on file

Executive Secretary