

# MINUTES

## North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

NDPERS Conference Room

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Joan Ehrhardt  
Ms. Arvy Smith

Via Teleconference: Mr. Levi Erdmann  
Mr. Howard Sage  
Mr. Mike Sandal  
Mr. Thomas Trenbeath  
Chairman Jon Strinden

Others Present: Mr. Sparb Collins, NDPERS  
Ms. Cheryl Stockert, NDPERS  
Ms. Kathy Allen, NDPERS  
Ms. Deb Knudsen, NDPERS  
Mr. Bryan Reinhardt, NDPERS

Chairman Strinden called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **RETIREMENT**

#### **Companion Plan/DC Plan Fund Lineup**

Mr. Collins reported to the Board that the PERS Investment Subcommittee met to discuss the fund lineup of the defined contribution and companion plan. TIAA-CREF offered alternatives to their original offering. The Investment Subcommittee recommended the following:

- Maintain the funds we already have and not accept the TIAA-CREF growth and income fund or the TIAA-CREF high yield fund.
- Concerning the lifecycle funds, make a change from the Wells Fargo funds originally offered in May to the TIAA-CREF funds. This is because the expense ratio is lower by 10 bp's, the product asset allocation is more closely aligned with the target funds we presently offer from Fidelity, and for the 2010 fund it is closer to the average as identified in a report from Callan.

**MR. SAGE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERS INVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. TRENBEATH.**

**Ayes:** Ms. Ehrhardt, Mr. Erdmann, Mr. Sage, Mr. Sandal, Ms. Smith, Mr. Trenbeath and Chairman Strinden

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**GROUP INSURANCE**

**Rx Extension**

Mr. Collins reported that at the April Board meeting it was decided to extend the contract with the North Dakota Pharmacy Services Corporation for the diabetes management program. The agreement extension was reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office.

**MR. SANDAL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH THE NORTH DAKOTA PHARMACY SERVICES CORPORATION TO END ON JUNE 30, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. SMITH.**

**Ayes:** Mr. Erdmann, Mr. Sage, Mr. Sandal, Ms. Smith, Mr. Trenbeath, Ms. Ehrhardt, and Chairman Strinden

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

**Hardship Appeal Case #35**

Ms. Allen presented detailed information to the Board on a deferred compensation hardship withdrawal in the amount of \$17,000 to cover medical expenses as a result of the spouse's unforeseen medical condition. The Board reviewed this case at the July meeting and requested additional information for consideration. The Board discussed this appeal.

**MS. EHRHARDT MOVED TO APPROVE THIS APPEAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. SMITH.**

Board discussion occurred.

**Ayes:** Mr. Sandal, Mr. Smith, Ms. Ehrhardt, Mr. Erdmann, and Chairman Strinden

**Nays:** Mr. Sage and Mr. Trenbeath

**MOTION PASSED**

**Hardship Appeal Case #42**

Ms. Allen presented detailed information to the Board on a deferred compensation hardship withdrawal in the amount of \$30,000 for home repairs due to flooding in Minot. The Board discussed this appeal.

**MR. SAGE MOVED TO TABLE APPEAL CASE #42 UNTIL THE BOARD RECEIVES ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO FINANCIAL NEED, INCLUDING THE EXTENT OF DAMAGES, COST TO REPAIR THOSE DAMAGES, AND AVAILABILITY OF FEMA FUNDING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. TRENBEATH.**

Board discussion occurred.

**Ayes:** Mr. Sandal, Ms. Smith, Mr. Trenbeath, Ms. Ehrhardt, Mr. Erdmann, Mr. Sage and Chairman Strinden

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

**Hardship Appeal Case #47**

Ms. Allen presented detailed information to the Board on a deferred compensation hardship withdrawal in the amount of \$750 to cover medical expenses as a result of the member's medical condition. The Board discussed this appeal.

**MR. TRENBEATH MOVED TO APPROVE THIS APPEAL, SUBJECT TO VERIFYING THE CASH VALUE OF THE LIFE INSURANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SANDAL.**

**Ayes:** Ms. Smith, Mr. Trenbeath, Ms. Ehrhardt, Mr. Erdmann, Mr. Sage, Mr. Sandal, and Chairman Strinden

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

Chairman Strinden called for any other business or comments. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by,

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