

MINUTES

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Attorney General's Office Conference Room

December 30, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Senator Dick Dever
Ms. Casey Goodhouse
Mr. Mike Sandal
Ms. Arvy Smith
Ms. Yvonne Smith
Mr. Thomas Trenbeath
Ms. Kim Wassim

Via Teleconference: Representative Anderson
Chairman Strinden

Others Present: Mr. Sparb Collins, NDPERS
Ms. Cheryl Stockert, NDPERS
Ms. MaryJo Steffes, NDPERS
Ms. Rebecca Fricke, NDPERS

Via Teleconference: Ms. Jan Murtha, Attorney General's Office
Mr. Noah Brisben, Attorney General's Office
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS
Mr. Mike Klepatz, Sanford Health Plan
Mr. Jeff Sandene, Sanford Health Plan

Chairman Strinden called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Member Retirement Eligibility

Mr. Collins indicated the member was available at the Board meeting. Ms. Murtha indicated that individuals from the member's agency were also in attendance to answer questions of the Board. Ms. Murtha further explained the Board could, under NDCC Section 54-52-26(11), determine that the individuals from the member's agency were needed during executive session to provide the requested information regarding this specific issue for operational or payment purposes.

MR. TRENBEATH MOVED THAT THE BOARD ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL MEMBER INFORMATION PURSUANT TO NDCC 44-04-19.2(1), 54-52-26 AND 54-52-26(11) AND TO ALLOW THOSE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE MEMBER'S AGENCY TO REMAIN IN THE MEETING DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NECESSARY DISCUSSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR DEVER.

Ayes: Representative Anderson, Senator Dever, Ms. Goodhouse, Mr. Sandal, Ms. Arvy Smith, Ms. Yvonne Smith, Mr. Trenbeath and Chairman Strinden

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Wassim

MOTION PASSED

All members named above were in attendance for the Executive Session (closed meeting, electronically recorded) which began at 8:35 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:05 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON MOVED APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE MEMBER TO RETURN TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2013 AND TO ALLOW THE MEMBER THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN WITHIN THE SPECIAL ELECTION PERIOD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. YVONNE SMITH.

The Board further discussed the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Trenbeath, Ms. Wassim, Ms. Goodhouse, Mr. Sandal, Ms. Arvy Smith, Senator Dever, Ms. Yvonne Smith, Representative Anderson, and Chairman Strinden

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Medicare Part D Contract

Mr. Collins reported that the ESI contract has been reviewed during the last two meetings and is before the Board to be finalized prior to January 1, 2016. Two tracks had been utilized during the review process – one related to the fully insured contract renewal by staff and the other related to comments offered by the ND Pharmacists Association. Mr. Collins indicated that relating to progress on the ESI contract, all issues have been reviewed. Staff had discussion with ESI and Deloitte relating to the Pharmacists Association comments. Since the last meeting, ESI has agreed to provide the DIR reports to PERS on an annual basis. In addition, Ms. Murtha reported that relating to audits, the choice of law will be North Dakota law and ESI has agreed to that language in the contract. Mr. Collins further indicated that in the future the Board could consider more direct control which would be associated with a self-insured plan.

MR. TRENBEATH MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MEDICARE PART D CONTRACT WITH ESI FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. WASSIM.

The Board further discussed the motion.

Ayes: Ms. Yvonne Smith, Ms. Goodhouse, Representative Anderson, Mr. Trenbeath, Mr. Sandal, Senator Dever, Ms. Arvy Smith, Ms. Wassim, and Chairman Strinden
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Prepared by,

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