

MINUTES

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Workforce Safety and Insurance Thursday, February 5, 2015 1:30 p.m.

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

Via Conference Call: Chairman Strinden

Others Present: Mr. Sparb Collins, NDPERS
Ms. Cheryl Stockert, NDPERS
Ms. Sharon Schiermeister, NDPERS
Ms. Deb Knudsen, NDPERS
Ms. Rebecca Fricke, NDPERS
Mr. Bryan Reinhardt, NDPERS
Ms. MaryJo Steffes, NDPERS
Ms. Jan Murtha, Attorney General's Office
Mr. Pat Pechacek, Deloitte
Mr. Josh Johnson, Deloitte
Ms. Rebecca Ternes, ND Insurance Department
Mr. Edward Moody, ND Insurance Department

Chairman Strinden called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

North Dakota Insurance Department

Mr. Collins introduced Ms. Ternes and Mr. Moody from the ND Insurance Department. Mr. Moody reviewed information with the Board relating to how in state and out of state insurance companies conduct business in the state of North Dakota, specifically relating to insurance company solvency and market conduct regulation. They reviewed the areas they regulate for the domestic companies. The Insurance Department relies on the out of state regulator for those out of state companies doing business in North Dakota. The Board had questions that were responded to by Insurance Department staff.

Request for Proposal for NDPERS Group Health Insurance

Mr. Collins indicated it would be necessary to discuss further negotiating strategy with the Board.

MR. TRENBEATH MOVED THAT THE BOARD ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) and 44-04-19.2 TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OR PROVIDE NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS ATTORNEY OR OTHER NEGOTIATOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. Y. SMITH.

Ayes: Ms. Goodhouse, Mr. Sandal, Ms. A. Smith, Ms. Y. Smith, Mr. Trenbeath, Ms. Wassim and Chairman Strinden

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

All members named above were in attendance for the Executive Session (closed meeting, electronically recorded) which began at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened and returned to open session at 3:55 p.m.

Retiree Health Insurance Credit Implementation Follow-up

Ms. Fricke indicated that at the December meeting staff brought forward several items relating to implementation of the retiree health insurance credit portability. At that time the Board asked staff to review and bring forward a policy that would provide reimbursement to the retirees as quickly and easily as possible. Ms. Fricke indicated that a policy is proposed that provides the reimbursement to the member faster and this would be driven by how the member pays for their insurance premiums. It is recommended if they pay by PERS or TFFR pension check or by ACH, PERS would provide the vendor with all the necessary information three days prior to the date of deduction from their pension check or bank account so that it can be issued to the retiree within two days after the premium has been deducted. If premiums are paid by personal check, PERS will provide the vendor with daily files reporting payments received by checks so the vendor can process the reimbursements daily. This process eliminates the need for the retiree to file a claim with the vendor to receive reimbursement for payment of a PERS premium and reimbursement to the retiree will occur two to five business days of paying the premium. The Board had questions relating to this process.

MR. SANDAL MOVED APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO PROCESSING OF THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE RETIREES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. A. SMITH.

Ayes: Ms. Y. Smith, Ms. Wassim, Ms. Goodhouse, Ms. A. Smith, Mr. Sandal, Mr. Trenbeath, and Chairman Strinden

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Prepared by,

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