

# MINUTES

## North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Workforce Safety and Insurance

Friday, February 13, 2015

1:00 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. Kathy Allen, 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. Drew Rasmussen, Deloitte  
Mr. Kevin Schoenborn, BCBSND

Via Conference Call: Ms. Linda Cahn, Pharmacy Benefit Consultants

Chairman Strinden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **Request for Proposal for NDPERS Group Health Insurance**

Mr. Collins indicated it would be necessary to discuss further negotiating strategy with the Board relating to the group health insurance bid.

**MR. SANDAL 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. WASSIM.**

**Ayes:** Ms. Goodhouse, Mr. Sandal, 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 1:04 p.m.

The Board reconvened and returned to open session at 3:50 p.m.

**Pharmacy Benefit Consultants Contract Extension**

Mr. Collins indicated staff was requesting a contract extension with Pharmacy Benefit Consultants. The Board requested that staff limit the contract with Pharmacy Benefit Consultants only to the work that would be necessary for what PERS was requesting.

**MR. SANDAL MOVED APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH PHARMACY BENEFIT CONSULTANTS. 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**

**Health Plan Committee**

Mr. Collins was seeking Board input as to whether it would be necessary to set up a subcommittee to address some of the issues brought forth in executive session.

The Board requested going back to agenda item I.

**MR. TRENBEATH MOVED THAT THE BID BE AWARDED TO SANFORD HEALTH PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. WASSIM.**

Ms. Murtha indicated there was an administrative technicality on the agenda posted at the meeting. The updated and correct agenda was posted on the Secretary of State website.

The Board discussed the motion. It was determined that the motion did not include awarding the pharmacy benefit manager to Sanford Health Plan. The Board had concerns they would jeopardize their negotiating power with the pharmacy benefit manager if this was decided at the meeting. The Board concurred that they would have to be united in the message and that a prepared statement would be necessary and it would be helpful to set up a subcommittee.

After further discussion on this motion, Mr. Trenbeath and Ms. Wassim withdrew their motion.

**MR. TRENBEATH MOVED THAT STAFF SET UP A HEALTH PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A DRAFT STATEMENT RELATING TO THE BOARD'S DECISION ON THE HEALTH PLAN. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN STRINDEN; MEMBER OF STAFF, MR. COLLINS; LEGAL COUNSEL, MS. MURTHA; AND THE CONSULTANT, DELOITTE, BE INCLUDED ON THIS COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. A. SMITH.**

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

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Prepared by,

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