

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS  
MINUTES OF THE  
RULES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
October 25, 2021

The Rules and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois convened by videoconference on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Such meeting was held remotely in accordance with *5 ILCS 120/7(e)(1)*

The following trustees were in attendance:

David Morris, Trustee  
Jeremy "Tad" Hawk, Trustee  
Dan Silverthorn, Trustee

Others in attendance were:

Tim Blair, Executive Secretary  
Jeff Houch, Assistant to the Executive Secretary  
Jim Stivers, General Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2021 MEETING

Trustee Silverthorn motioned to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting of the committee, Trustee Hawk seconded the motion, and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris – Yes  
Hawk – Yes  
Silverthorn - Yes

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Assistant to the Executive Secretary Jeff Houch presented to the Committee proposed rules. Such rules are summarized accordingly.

Clarifies that if legal action provides for the reinstatement of a terminated employee who accepted a refund or began retirement following a wrongful termination, then that member can reinstate the service credit or repay the retirement benefit without interest as long as an installment plan is executed within 30 days of notice.

Delays the processing of a Termination Refund or Total Buyout Payment for a member with either a pending Social Security Disability claim or a Workers' Compensation Claim.

Suspends Nonoccupational Disability Benefits or Temporary Disability Benefits of members that refuse to apply for Social Security Disability benefits within one year of receiving either of those types of SERS disability benefits.

Provides that if the member subject to the division of his or her benefits from a QILDRO dies before a QILDRO Calculation Order has been submitted, then it shall be the alternate payee's responsibility to provide such order. If the alternate payee fails to provide that order within 180 days of notification from the System, then his or her portion of the benefits shall be payable to the member's estate or designated beneficiaries.

Clarifies that if a retiree returns to service in a manner that causes his or her retirement annuity to be suspended, then that member is liable to pay back SERS the full monthly pension he or she received for the month in which the retirement annuity triggered the suspension provision.

Clarifies that for purposes of determining eligibility for a survivor's annuity of a surviving child, full-time student status is determined by the standard set by that student's college for that student's course of study.

After some discussion on the details and dynamics of the proposed rules, Trustee Hawk made the motion to approve the proposed rules. Trustee Silverthorn seconded the motion, and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris – Yes  
Hawk – Yes  
Silverthorn - Yes

#### PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Trustee Silverthorn motioned to conduct the Rules and Personnel Committee meetings for Calendar Year 2022 on the day before the SERS Quarterly Board meetings, Trustee Hawk seconded the motion, and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris – Yes  
Hawk – Yes  
Silverthorn - Yes

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the committee, Trustee Hawk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Morris seconded the motion and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris – Yes

Hawk – Yes

Silverthorn - Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.