

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF THE
RULES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 13, 2020

The Rules and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois convened on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the System's Springfield office located at 2101 South Veterans Parkway.

The following trustees were in attendance:

David Morris, Chairman
Danny Silverthorn, Trustee
Jeremy "Tad" Hawk, Trustee

Others in attendance were:

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The election of the Chairman of the committee was in order. After a brief discussion, Trustee Silverthorn nominated David Morris as Chairman of the committee with Trustee Hawk seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2020 MEETING

Trustee Silverthorn motioned to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting of the committee, Trustee Hawk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jeff Houch, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, began his report by directing the Committee's attention to Public Act 101-610, which provides that a State police officer can purchase up to five years for out of state or federal law enforcement service, provided that such service is not held in another retirement system. He stated that such members must initiate a purchase by January 1, 2023 as well as pay all the necessary costs involved to make the system whole.

Mr. Houch stated that the act also expands the Tier 2 alternative formula to members who are excluded from the Section 218 Agreement. Mr. Houch added that these members may also convert up to eight years of service credit provided they pay the necessary cost and initiate the conversion by December 31, 2020.

Mr. Houch then reported on Public Act 101-620, which prohibits the retirement systems from disclosing certain information, such as member addresses, dates of birth, phone numbers, email addresses or labor organization status. After some discussion regarding the new laws, a copy of the legislative report is made a part of these minutes as *Exhibit A*.

RULEMAKING AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Houch presented proposed rules recommended by staff for the committee's consideration. The first rule would clarify that if a member has accepted a refund or annuity for service credits accrued under TRS or SURS, then those credits are not to be considered for purposes of determining eligibility for a non-occupational disability benefit under Section 14-124 or the total period during which that benefit is payable.

The second rule would apply consistency in the method used to measure "final average compensation" for non-occupational disability payments. Said differently, the method will be similar for all benefit calculations and base it off the date in which the member exits the payroll.

The final proposed rule presented to the committee codifies debt collection policies. After some discussion, Trustee Silverthorn motioned to authorize staff to pursue such rulemaking, which was seconded by Chairman Morris, and passed unanimously. A copy of the detailed summary of the rules is maintained at the SERS office and made part of these minutes as *Exhibit B*.

PERSONNEL MATTER DISCUSSION

Executive Secretary Blair led discussion related to personnel items.

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 Silverthorn seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.