

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS

April 11, 2019

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in the System's Springfield office at 2101 S. Veterans Parkway.

Committee Members:

Loren Iglarsh, Chairman
Timothy Blair, Executive Secretary

Others Present:

Jeff Houch, Assistant Executive Secretary
Kathy Yemm, Manager, Claims Division
Karen Brown, Disability Supervisor, Claims Division
Cory Mitchell, Acting Supervisor, Pension and Death Section
Steve Bochenek, System Attorney
Jennifer Staley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee were presented by Chairman Iglarsh for approval. Copies of the minutes were previously mailed to Committee members for review. There being no additions or corrections, on motion by Executive Secretary Blair, seconded by Chairman Iglarsh and by unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Routine Claims Report

The Routine Claims Report for the month of March 2019 was presented. Following review and discussion, the Routine Claims Report for the period of March 2019, as prepared by staff, was received by the Executive Committee.

Old Business

Christopher Fritsche – Occ-Dis – Gainful Employment Inquiry

Deferred until information from SERS' auditor/ethics officer is reviewed.

New Business

Eric Pasquino – Occ Dis – Requesting Waiver of 12 Month Filing Limitation

Eric Pasquino works as a sergeant for IDOC. He was injured on January 21, 2018 and February 1, 2018 and last worked February 1, 2018. He began a medical leave of absence on February 9, 2018 due to a work-related injury.

Mr. Pasquino has requested a written appeal to the Executive Committee to waive the 12 month filing limitation. He indicates that he was unaware of the occupational disability benefit offered by SERS. He was paid TTD for this time period.

The member's request was denied in accordance with **Chapter 40 Pensions 5/14-123(a)**.

After review and discussion, Chairman Iglarsh moved to approve Mr. Pasquino's request to waive the 12 month filing limitation, seconded by Executive Secretary Blair. All were in favor.

Richard Schwartz – Occ Dis – Requesting Waiver of 12 Month Filing Limitation

Richard Schwartz works as a Juvenile Justice Specialist for the Illinois Department of Corrections. His last day worked was July 31, 2010 and he began a service connected leave of absence on August 1, 2010 due to a work related injury. He returned to work September 16, 2010. He was paid TTD August 1, 2010 to September 15, 2010.

Richard Schwartz is appealing the one year filing limitation.

The member's request was denied in accordance with **Chapter 40 Pensions 5/14-123(a)**.

After review and discussion, Chairman Iglarsh moved to approve Mr. Schwartz's request to waive the 12 month filing limitation, seconded by Executive Secretary Blair. All were in favor.

Gesi Baker – Write-off – Requesting Reinstatement of SERS Member Account

Gesi Baker's account was written-off in a prior fiscal year. Since then, Ms. Baker has contacted us and requested a termination refund of the applicable SERS contributions.

After review and discussion, Executive Secretary Blair moved to reinstate the member's account that was written-off so that the resignation refund can be processed. The motion was seconded by Chairman Iglarsh. All were in favor.

Overpayment – Requesting Lower Repayment Amount

Lloyd Hinton was approved for a nonoccupational benefit from SERS effective May 24, 2017. Mr. Hinton was approved for a retroactive Social Security disability benefit effective October 1, 2016. The retroactive benefit created an overpayment to SERS totaling \$21,376.87 from May 24, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

SERS sent the member a notification letter on April 3, 2018 that explains the calculation of the overpayment and what was due.

As stated in the SERS Board Policy, the Overpayment Section is to deduct ½ the gross of any benefit being paid toward an overpayment owed to SERS. The overpayment due is in accordance with 5/14-125 ILCS of the Pension Code.

Mr. Hinton's monthly gross disability payment is \$2,201.61. No federal tax or other insurance/outside deductions are taken. When ½ of the gross is deducted in the amount of \$1,100.80, the net paid to Mr. Hinton is \$1,100.81. As noted in the SSA Award letter, he is also receiving \$2,366.00 in Social Security benefits.

Mr. Hinton's current overpayment balance is \$14,772.07 and he is requesting a payment of \$500 per month, which would result in repayment in 30 months.

After review and discussion, Chairman Iglarsh moved to approve Mr. Hinton's request to repay his overpayment in the amount of \$500.00 per month, seconded by Executive Secretary Blair. All were in favor.

Anthony Anderson – Nonocc – Requesting Waiver of 90 Day Filing Limitation

Anthony Anderson works as a correctional food supervisor II for Juvenile Justice. He last physically worked on November 29 and began a medical leave of absence on December 9, 2018.

Mr. Anderson has requested a written appeal to the Executive Committee to waive the 90 day filing limitation. He was unaware of the benefit SERS had to offer.

The member's request was denied in accordance with Chapter 40 Pensions 5/14-124(5).

After review and discussion, Chairman Iglarsh moved to approve Mr. Anderson's request to waive the 90 day filing limitation, seconded by Executive Secretary Blair. All were in favor.

William E. Lowry, Jr. – Revoke Election to Participate in SERS

William E. Lowry, Jr. was appointed to the Illinois Labor Relations Board. Mr. Lowry signed an Election To Accept Or Reject Participation In The State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) on March 28, 2019.

Mr. Lowry requested to change the election to decline participation.

After review and discussion, Chairman Iglarsh moved to approve Mr. Lowry's request to decline participation, seconded by Executive Secretary Blair. All were in favor.

Add on:

Joseph Horn - Write-off - Requesting Reinstatement of SERS Member Account

Joseph Horn's account was written-off in a prior fiscal year. Since then, Mr. Horn has contacted us and requested a termination refund of the applicable SERS contributions.

After review and discussion, Executive Secretary Blair moved to reinstate the member's account that was written-off so that the resignation refunds can be processed. The motion was seconded by Chairman Iglarsh. All were in favor.

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for May 9, 2019, in the Springfield office, with video conferencing in Chicago.

Loren Iglarsh, Chairman

Timothy Blair, Executive Secretary