



Louisiana State Police Retirement System

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title	Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board Meeting
Date of Meeting	April 24, 2019
Where	9224 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Start Time	1:30 p.m.

- 1) Vice-Chairman Kevin Marcel opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The prayer was led by Irwin L. Felps, Jr.

No Public Comments

- 2) Kimberly Gann, Assistant Director, called roll as follows:

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Div. Of Administration, Appearing Thru
Andrea Hubbard, Designee for DOA Commissioner, PRESENT
Col. Kevin Reeves, Superintendent, Office of State Police, Appearing Thru
Frank Besson, Designee for Superintendent, PRESENT (Arrived after roll call)
John Schroder, State Treasurer, Appearing Thru
Amy Mathews, Designee for State Treasurer, PRESENT
Rep. Sam Jones, House Retirement Committee, NOT PRESENT
Byron Juneau, President, Central State Troopers Coalition, PRESENT
Kevin Marcel, Active Representative, Vice Chairman, PRESENT
Sen. Barrow Peacock, Senate Retirement Committee, NOT PRESENT
Doris Prudhomme, Surviving Spouse Representative, PRESENT
Jay O'Quinn, LSTA President, PRESENT
Baxter Welch, Retiree Representative, PRESENT
Hackley Willis, Jr., Active/Retired Representative, PRESENT

The records reflect that the following persons were also present:

Denise Akers, Akers & Wisbar	Irwin L. Felps, Executive Director
Rachael Alvey, Griffin & Co, LLC	Kimberly A. Gann, Assistant Director
Robert Burns	Stephen Griffin, Griffin & Co, LLC
Helen Burns	Robin Landa, UBS/Paine Webber

- 3) Irwin Felps summarized the minutes from the February 27, 2019 Board meeting. He asked for clarification from Stephen Griffin of item 7 where Hackley Willis questioned the large amount in the Member Purchases-EE Category on the Statement of Changes. Mr. Griffin noted that the number is approximately \$1M higher than last year. It looks larger because in year's past we have waited until the end of the year to segregate the member purchase totals for audit purposes. Mr. Felps agreed that the recent academy classes have contained a large number of individuals who have prior service and we always encourage them to transfer the time. Mr. Felps also pointed out that these minutes contain the contract approval for Special Counsel Linda Clark. We have retained Ms. Clark to represent us in the Sebastian litigation matter. As a last point Mr. Felps noted that we did receive approval from the Board at this meeting to sign an amendment with Ivy Investments lowering our

fees. A **MOTION** was made by Jay O'Quinn to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Doris Prudhomme. No opposition. The motion passed.

- 4) Amy Matthews summarized the Investment Committee minutes of March 27th by stating that this is one of our most important investment meetings where we discuss asset allocation and the capital market assumptions. The committee elected to not rebalance the portfolio at this time since we are well within our Investment Policy Statement guidelines. A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Doris Prudhomme. No opposition. The motion passed.
- 5) Chairman Frank Besson reminded the Trustees that financial disclosure documents are due May 15, 2019. He asked that Trustees speak with Kimberly Gann if a copy of the disclosure forms are needed.
- 6) Robin Landa, UBS, presented the board with the flash report and asset allocation as of March 31, 2019. Ms. Landa noted that this is the first quarter reporting since our last quarter of 2018, which represented a terrible downturn in the market. This first quarter has given us a total quarter to date return of 8.58% placing us in a positive posture for the fiscal year to date number which is now at 1.10%. Since inception the system has earned 7.48% well above the expected rate of return. The asset total at the end of January is \$866,219,898M. The board accepted the report (**See Exhibit A**).
- 7) Rachael Alvey, Griffin & Co., reviewed the Cash Disbursement for the months of February 2019 and March 2019. She pointed out that the only unusual disbursements within are the legal fees for litigation and the payment for Shelley Sebastian's back payroll. Ms. Alvey then presented the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Budget Summary as of March 31, 2019 (**Exhibit B Attached**). A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcel to approve the Financial Reports provided by Griffin & Furman, LLC. The **MOTION** was seconded by Byron Juneau. No opposition. The motion passed.
- 8) A **MOTION** was made by Byron Juneau to enter into Executive Session to discuss the mental/physical health of a person who has been duly notified, specifically the disability request of Michael Hughes. The motion was seconded by Andrea Hubbard. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to enter into Executive Session to discuss the mental/physical health of a person who has been duly notified, specifically the disability request of Michael Hughes; AND to discuss Litigation, 19th JDC, Suit Number 681,164, Shelley Sebastian v. LSPRS and Irwin Felps as Director. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to return from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to approve the service-connected disability request of Michael Hughes. The motion was seconded by Andrea Hubbard. No opposition. The motion passed.

- 9) Irwin Felps gave the following update:

SB 16, 3rd Party Administrator Bill – This is a system sponsored bill to clarify our 3rd party administrator relationship with Empower. Senator Gerald Long authored this bill for LSPRS. It has passed the senate and is now headed to the house.

SB 13, Death in the Line of Duty Benefit for Spouses - This bill has passed the senate and is now headed to the house.

SB 14, Term Limits – Voluntarily Deferred

HB 28, Hybrid Bill – Mr. Felps asked the board for guidance on the position LSPRS will take on this bill. He reminded the members that this will require a 12% contribution from troopers and provide a 1.33% accrual benefit, similar to social security. This, in his opinion, will be detrimental to state police with regard to retention and recruitment. The trustees agreed. A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to oppose HB 28. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. No opposition. The motion passed.

10) A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcel to approve the Retirement/DROP and Elimination/Awarding Benefits to Spouse Children report (**See Exhibit C Attached**), in globo. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed.

11) Any Other Business:

A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to authorize Irwin L. Felps, Jr. to execute the contract with GS Curran & Co., LTD (**See Exhibit D Attached**). The motion was seconded by Amy Matthews. No opposition. The motion passed.

Hackley Willis asked Irwin L. Felps, Jr. if he has received an update on the requested AG Opinion regarding the Dean Coates matter. Mr. Felps spoke with Rebecca Wisbar, Akers and Wisbar, and has been told that the AG's office has advised that the opinion would be forthcoming within 30 days.

12) A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to adjourn. The **MOTION** was seconded by Byron Juneau. No opposition. The motion passed.



Frank Besson, Chairman
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