

Louisiana State Police Retirement System

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title
Date of Meeting
Where
Start Time

Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board Meeting February 27, 2019 9224 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 1:30 p.m.

1) 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
John Schroder, State Treasurer, Appearing Thru
Amy Mathews, Designee for State Treasurer, PRESENT
Rep. Sam Jones, House Retirement Committee, PRESENT (arrived after roll call)
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 Nicole Edmonson, Legislative Actuary's Office Irwin L. Felps, Jr., Executive Director Rob Furman, Griffin & Co., LLC

Kimberly A. Gann, Assistant Director Lowell Good, Legislative Actuary's Office Robin Landa, UBS/Paine Webber

2) Chairman Frank Besson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by Kevin Marcel. The prayer was led by Irwin L. Felps, Jr.

No Public Comments

3) A MOTION was made by Kevin Marcel to nominate Frank Besson to serve as the 2019 Chairman of the LSPRS Board. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Frank Besson to nominate Kevin Marcel to serve as the 2019 Vice-Chairman of the LSPRS Board. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed.

Frank Besson appointed the 2019 committees as follows:

Executive Committee: Frank Besson, Chairman; Kevin Marcel, Vice-Chairman; and Jay O'Quinn

Investment Committee: Amy Matthews, Chairman; Kevin Marcel, Vice-Chairman; Andrea Hubbard; Jay O'Quinn; and Frank Besson

4) A MOTION was made by Hackley Willis to take agenda item 9) Presentation by Rob Bickham, UBS out of order and at this time. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. No opposition. The motion passed.

Robin Landa, UBS, presented the board with the flash report and asset allocation as of January 31, 2019. Ms. Landa reminded the board that December 2018 was a bad investment month, but it followed with a fantastic January 2019. The system is up for the month 6.0%, which gives us a fiscal year to date return of -1.3%. Since inception the system is coming in at 7.44% well above the expected rate of return. The asset total at the end of January is \$847,859,701M. The board accepted the report (See Exhibit A).

A MOTION was made by Jay O'Quinn to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed (See Exhibit B).

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 Investment Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed (See Exhibit C).

- At this time Kimberly Gann reminded the trustees that financial disclosures are due on May 15, 2019. The board packet includes a set of blank forms for each trustee (See Exhibit D).
- Rob Furman, CPA, Griffin & Co., reviewed the Cash Disbursement for the months of December 2018 and January 2019. Mr. Furman then presented the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Budget Summary as of January 31, 2019 (Exhibit E Attached). Hackley Willis questioned the Member Purchases-EE category on the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary New Position report. The amount seems very high at \$2,374,800.05, especially when compared to last year's number coming in at zero. Mr. Furman will review this information to determine the difference and report to Kimberly Gann, who will let the trustees know the outcome.

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Matthews to approve the Financial Reports provided by Griffin & Furman, LLC, and to request that the budget be amended to reflect the legislatively approved budget adjustment in the salary, and related benefits categories. The **MOTION** was seconded by Byron Juneau. No opposition. The motion passed.

8) A MOTION was made by Jay O'Quinn to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Sebastian litigation matter. The motion was seconded by Doris Prudhomme. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Rep. Jones to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Doris Prudhomme. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Doris Prudhomme to approve the contract of Linda Law Clark, DeCuir, Clark, & Adams, LLP, to provide legal services related to the Sebastian litigation matter, request that Ms. Clark take the lead attorney role in this matter, and other employment related inquiries, including reviewing internal policies, as they arise and directed to her from the Executive and Assistant Directors. The motion was seconded by Byron Juneau. No opposition. The motion passed.

9) Irwin Felps reminded the Board that the system has one piece of legislation seeking to clarify that the system has the authority to hire a third-party administrator (Empower) for the self-directed DROP, leave, and IBO payments made to retiring members. He noted that Ben Huxen, MPERS

Director, contacted him to request that his system be included in this bill. Mr. Felps has contacted Sen. Long and Sen. Peacock who both have no issues with adding MPERS.

- A MOTION was made by Kevin Marcel to accept both the Retirement/DROP approvals and the elimination/awarding of benefits to spouses/children, in globo. The MOTION was seconded by Rep. Sam Jones. No opposition. The motion passed (Exhibit F Attached).
- 11) Any Other Business:

Irwin Felps requested that the Board allow him to sign an amendment from Ivy Investments, LSPRS' current small cap growth manager, seeking to lower the fees of the fund. This lower fee will result in a savings of approximately \$56,000 annually. A MOTION was made by Kevin Marcel to allow Irwin Felps to execute the amendment from Ivy Investments. The motion was seconded by Doris Prudhomme. No opposition. The motion passed (See Exhibit G).

Kimberly Gann acknowledged the guests who are in attendance today from the Legislative Actuary's Office. She asked Nicole Edmonson if she would like to address the board. Ms. Edmonson introduced Lowell Good to the board. Mr. Good is an actuary who will be replacing Paul Richmond with the Legislative Actuary's office.

12) A MOTION was made by Baxter Welch to adjourn. The MOTION was seconded by Amy Matthews. No opposition. The motion passed.

Frank Besson, Chairman

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