

**COMMISSION ON THE DESIGN AND FUNDING OF RETIREMENT AND HEALTH
BENEFIT PLANS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND TEACHERS**

Meeting of the Commission Members

January 5, 2010

Commission Members present:

Jeb Spaulding, VT State Treasurer, Chairperson

Terry Macaig, member of the House of Representatives

Jeanette White, member of the Senate

Neale Lunderville, Secretary of Administration

Doug Wacek, member of the public appointed by the Governor

David Coates, member of the public -

Appointed by the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Bill Talbott, representing the Commissioner of Education

Members absent:

None

Also attending:

Beth Pearce, Vermont State Deputy Treasurer

Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach & Secretary to the Retirement Boards

Monica Chiren, State Treasurer's Office

Members of the public

The Chairperson, Jeb Spaulding, called the Tuesday, January 5, 2010, meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., which was held in Room 11 in the State House, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

Mr. Spaulding briefly reviewed the agenda and advised the Commission members there were only two items on the agenda. Mr. Spaulding advised the Commission members there were a few revisions submitted by Mr. Coates and indicated Mr. Macaig had a few comments regarding the draft report. Mr. Spaulding indicated there will be a vote to transmit the report.

ITEM 1: **Approve minutes of December 15, 2009**

On motion by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Wacek, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009 as submitted.

Mr. Coates indicated he wanted it to be clear that he did not support the 60% benefit unless it was tied to the employer/employee contributions to be determined by the actuary to get to the 3.5% recommendation. Ms. White indicated she voted against the 60/40 split and indicated her reasoning for doing so.

ITEM 2: **Approve transmittal of final report to the Legislature**

Mr. Coates advised the Commission members what revisions he suggested for the report, which Ms. Pearce had incorporated into the draft report. Mr. Macaig indicated his reservations about having the

quotes on the first page of the report. The Commission members decided to have a separate page for the *Guiding Principles* and decided to insert the quotes on that page. Mr. Macaig indicated he would like to have the outcome of the votes with the recommendations, and then the specific votes reflected in the appendix. Ms. Webster addressed Mr. Macaig's question concerning Group C and their never reaching 60%. The Commission members discussed Mr. Macaig's suggestion to revise the paragraph concerning the Commission's belief in the Ice Miller report. Mr. Macaig requested a paragraph be inserted to reflect the savings projected for the changes the State implemented in 2008. Ms. Pearce indicated she will revise the draft report accordingly and submit the report for review by the Commission members.

On motion by Mr. Lunderville, seconded by Mr. Coates, the Commission voted to transmit the Commission Report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

There was a discussion about whether the Commission came in under budget. Ms. Pearce indicated the final report and Ice Miller report would be put up on the website.

ITEM 3: Any other business to come before the Commission.

None.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Chiren
Treasurer's Office