

## VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

**February 16, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.**

Please note all members participated via telephone, video, or teleconference:

### **VMERS Members present:**

MAURA CARROLL, Chairperson, Employer Representative (term expiring July 1, 2022)

KIMBERLY GLEASON, Vice-Chair, Employer Representative (term expiring July 1, 2020)

MICHAEL CLASEN, Deputy State Treasurer representing Treasurer Beth Pearce

MORGAN DAYBELL, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2024)

CHRISTOPHER DUBE, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2022)

### **VMERS Members absent:**

BETH PEARCE, Vermont State Treasurer

### **Also attending:**

Erika Wolffing, Director of Retirement Operations

Lesley Campbell, Administrative Services Coordinator IV

Ms. Carroll called the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. which was held by conference call.

### **ITEM 1:      Agenda approval and announcements**

**On a motion made by Mr. Dube, seconded by Mr. Daybell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.**

There were no announcements.

### **ITEM 2:      Approve the minutes of:**

- **December 15, 2020**

**On a motion made by Mr. Clasen, seconded by Mr. Daybell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 15, 2020 with typographical corrections.**

### **ITEM 3:      Update VMERS Board Appointment**

Ms. Wolffing updated the Board on the plan to fill the employer representative seat that will be vacated by Ms. Carroll in April. The Board will consider any letters of interest from eligible members at its March meeting to fill the vacancy effective April 1. Ms. Wolffing also reminded the VMERS Board members that they will need to elect a new Chair and to reach out if they are interested in serving.

**ITEM 4:      Disability recommendation(s) from the January 21, 2021 Meeting of the Medical Review Board:**

- **Brian Powers (New)**

Mr. Daybell inquired as to how the Medical Review Board treats varying opinions from providers. Ms. Wolffing stated that the MRB heavily weighs the actual medical records, case notes, and documentation provided in cases where there is a disagreement on the physician statement forms.

**On a motion made by Mr. Clasen, seconded by Mr. Dube, the Board voted unanimously to approve disability retirement for Brian Powers without review.**

**ITEM 6:      Other Business**

Ms. Gleason is currently serving as vice-chair and stated she does not intend to run for chair due to time constraints.

**ITEM 7:      Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Mr. Dube, seconded by Mr. Daybell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:13 a.m.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next scheduled VMERS meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erika Wolffing  
Director Retirement Operations