

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Treasurer's Conference Room
October 10, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.

Members present:

JON HARRIS, Chairperson, Active Member Representative, term expiring July 1, 2023 – via telephone
JUSTIN NORRIS, Active Member Representative, term expiring July 1, 2021 – via telephone
BETH PEARCE, VT State Treasurer
DANIEL RADDOCK, Financial Regulation Representative – via telephone
LINDA DELIDUKA, VRTA Alternate Representative, term expiring July 1, 2020 – via telephone
PERRY LESSING, Active Member Alternate Representative, term expiring July 1, 2021 – via telephone

Members absent:

JOSEPH MACKEY, Vice-Chairperson, VRTA representative, term expiring July 1, 2020
EMILY SIMMONS, representing Secretary of Agency of Education

Also attending:

Tim Duggan, Assistant Attorney General
Erika Wolffing, Director Retirement Operations
Robert Bruttomesso – via telephone

The Chair, Jon Harris, called the Thursday, September 12, 2019 Conference Call Board meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room at 109 State Street, 4th Floor, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: Agenda approval and announcements

On a motion made by Ms. Deliduka, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

ITEM 2: Approve the Minutes of:

- September 12, 2019

On a motion made by Ms. Deliduka, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019 as submitted.

ITEM 3: Disability retirement 90-day waiver request:

- Robert Bruttomesso

On a motion made by Ms. Deliduka, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 3:39 p.m. pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to receive the advice of legal counsel.

Mr. Bruttomesso left the meeting at 3:39 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m.

Mr. Bruttomesso rejoined the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Norris, the Board voted unanimously to deny the 90-day waiver request from Mr. Bruttomesso due to the failure to show good cause for the delay in filing for disability.

Mr. Harris clarified that if Mr. Bruttomesso could provide more evidence of good cause for missing the deadline, the Board would be willing to revisit the request.

ITEM 4: Risk Assessment Update

Ms. Pearce updated the Board on the Risk Assessment. The assessment was completed and presented to the Board chairs and stakeholder groups at the end of September. The VSTRS Board will hear the full presentation from the actuaries at the Quarterly In-House Meeting in November. Ms. Pearce explained that Segal completed a stochastic assessment and that the Board should focus on the range of 25-75% probability. Segal reviewed the interest rate and provided "what if" scenarios if the interest rate changed. The assessment also recommends the Board consider amortizing the future gains and losses over an extended period of time past 2038. This approach is referred to as rolling amortization. Ms. Pearce clarified that the risk assessment will not impact the currently ongoing actuarial valuation.

ITEM 5: Other Business

None.

ITEM 6: Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Ms. Deliduka, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:12 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next VSTRS Board meeting is the Actuarial Valuation on October 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erika Wolffing
Director of Retirement Operations