

**VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Treasurer's Conference Room  
**March 14, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Members present:**

JON HARRIS, Chairperson, Active Member Representative, term expiring July 1, 2019 – via telephone  
JUSTIN NORRIS, Active Member Representative, term expiring July 1, 2021 – via telephone  
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  
EMILY SIMMONS, representing Secretary of Agency of Education – via telephone  
MICHAEL CLASEN, VT Deputy State Treasurer

**Members absent:**

JOSEPH MACKEY, Vice-Chairperson, VRTA representative, term expiring July 1, 2020  
BETH PEARCE, VT State Treasurer

**Also attending:**

Tim Duggan, Assistant Attorney General  
Erika Wolffng, Director Retirement Operations  
Lesley Campbell, Retirement Program Technician

The Chair, Jon Harris, called the Thursday, March 14, 2019 meeting to order at 3:34 p.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

**ITEM 1:      Agenda approval and announcements**

There were no announcements or changes to the agenda.

**ITEM 2:      Approve the Minutes of:**

- February 12, 2019

**On a motion made by Mr. Norris seconded by Ms. Deliduka, the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019, with Mr. Harris, Mr. Norris, Mr. Raddock, Ms. Deliduka, and Mr. Clasen voting in the affirmative. Ms. Simmons abstained.**

**ITEM 4:      Legislative Update**

Mr. Clasen provided the Board with a legislative update. The budget adjustment act has not yet passed but includes additional funding to the other post employment benefits (OPEB). The risk assessment is ongoing, and the stakeholders are working with Segal to determine models to run. Mr. Duggan explained the miscellaneous retirement bill provisions that impact VSTRS. The bill

included language to clarify that the spousal benefit applies to new teachers to be consistent with the agreement at the time the legislation was passed.

Mr. Clasen informed the Board of H.446, the bill proposes to charge a 1% assessment on retirement allowances in VSERS and VSTRS to help pay down the unfunded liability. The Treasurer's Office does not anticipate the bill moving forward. In addition to H.446, there is a bill proposing divestment of the pension funds.

**ITEM 5: Disability recommendation(s) from the February 21, 2019 Meeting of the Medical Review Board:**

- Martha Alexander (New)

**On a motion made by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Deliduka, the Board voted unanimously to approve disability retirement for Martha Alexander without review.**

**ITEM 3: VSTRS Health Insurance Potential Savings**

The Board previewed proposals for potential savings to the VSTRS Health Insurance Plan. Mr. Duggan explained the cover memorandum explaining the three potential areas of change, changes to the prescription drug formulary, over the counter drugs, and fertility and erectile dysfunction medications. The anticipated range of savings for changes to the formulary is about \$100,000 from VSTRS.

Mr. Harris requested the next meeting be in-house to discuss these changes be in early April. Mr. Clasen requested that Board members submit any questions in advance of the meeting.

**ITEM 6: Other Business**

None.

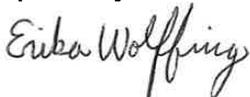
**ITEM 7: Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Mr. Clasen, seconded by Ms. Deliduka, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:50 a.m.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next VSTRS Board meeting is a Conference Call Meeting on April 11, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erika Wolfing  
Retirement Office