

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 12, 2012

VSEERS Members present:

Kevin Gaffney, Chairperson, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2013) – via telephone
Kate Duffy, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio) – via telephone
James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management (ex-officio) – via telephone
Paul White, Jr., VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012) – via telephone
Thomas Hango, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2013)
Richard Johannesen, Governor's Delegate (ex-officio) – via telephone
Stephen Wisloski, VT State Deputy Treasurer representing Elizabeth Pearce, VT State Treasurer

Members absent:

Roger Dumas, Vice-Chairperson, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012)
Jeff Briggs, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012)

Also attending:

Laurie Lanphear, Director of Retirement Operations
Nancy Dimick, Retirement Specialist, Secretary to the Board
Monica Chiren, Assistant to Nancy Dimick

The Chairperson, Kevin Gaffney, called the Thursday, April 12, 2012, meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., which was held in the Tre-Fin Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: **Approve the Minutes of:**

- **March 8, 2012**

On motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Wisloski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 8, 2012, as submitted.

ITEM 2: **Updates on the following:**

- **457 Plan Stable Value Fund RFP and next steps**
- **Review annuity information received from National Life**

Mr. Wisloski provided the Board members background information on the 457 Plan Stable Value Fund indicating they had initiated a put almost a year ago. Mr. Wisloski indicated he sent the Board members a draft of the RFP previously. It was indicated about 30 questions have been received, and that the submission due date is Monday, April 16, 2012. Mr. Wisloski indicated there might need to be a special phone conference after they have had an opportunity to review and summarize the responses they receive in order for the Board to vote on allowing the Treasurer's office to continue with contract negotiations. Mr. Wisloski indicated what information would be included in the summaries, and how they would narrow the field down to one, two or three respondents for the Board members to review. Mr. Wisloski indicated that he

will have the information sent out to the Board members before the meeting and will be in contact with the Board members in the next couple of weeks to set up a meeting.

(Mr. Reardon entered the meeting.)

Mr. Wisloski indicated National Life responded to the RFI for the annuity product after the deadline had passed. It was indicated that National Life would service this product from their Dallas, Texas office. Mr. Wisloski discussed with the Board members how National Life's product differed from the products offered by other firms that responded to the RFI. The Board discussed the reasons for having an annuity product in their 457 Plan options. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this item in a year's time.

ITEM 3: Any other business to come before the Board

Mr. Wisloski indicated there are a few contracts that are coming up for renewal in the next few months which will need to be addressed at the May in-house meeting. As a preview Mr. Wisloski indicated the actuarial services contract is eligible for one more one-year renewal, and then in 2013 there would need to be an RFP for actuarial services.

Mr. Wisloski indicated another contract that needs to be addressed would be for evidentiary hearing officers for the disabilities that the Medical Review Board denies. Mr. Wisloski indicated the contract would be for Michael Zimmerman, whose contract expires June 30, 2012 and for Robin Barone, whose contract expired last year. Mr. Wisloski indicated these are low amount contracts that can be handled through the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Wisloski indicated the DC Plan Administer contract is also coming up, but that is something that is handled through the Treasurer's office. Mr. Wisloski indicated he will keep the Board apprised of what is occurring with that contract.

In response to an inquiry Mr. Wisloski indicated there would need to be no action on the Great West contracts since they were not coming up for renewal at this time.

Ms. Duffy presented to the Board information about the State Hospital retirement incentive program. It was indicated there were about 11 people out of 25 that opted to take the retirement incentive.

Mr. Gaffney indicated he has started to reach out to the union relative to the auto enrollment for the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for State employees. The Board briefly discussed what the automatic amounts could be.

Mr. Gaffney indicated he will not be able to attend the May in-house meeting, and that Mr. Dumas would be chairing that meeting.

Mr. Reardon indicated the Governor accepted the recommendation to fully fund the actuarial amounts for both the State and Teacher plans.

ITEM 4: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Wisloski, seconded by Mr. Johannesen, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:36 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is an in-house meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dimick
Secretary to the Board