

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 24, 2008

Members present:

JEB SPAULDING, Vice-Chairperson, VT State Treasurer

KEVIN GAFFNEY, VSEA member (term expiring September 2009)

KAJ SAMSOM, VSEA member Alternate (term expiring September 2009)

JAMES REARDON, Commissioner of Finance & Management

DAVID HERLIHY, Commissioner of Human Resources

DICK JOHANNESSEN, Governor's Delegate

Members absent:

WARREN WHITNEY, Chairperson, VSEA member (term expiring September, 2008)

ROBERT HOOPER, VSEA member (term expiring September 2008)

JOE HEALY, Vermont Retired State Employees' Association (term expiring September, 2008)

Also attending:

Donna Holden, Board Coordinator

Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach

Bill Griffin, Chief Assistant Attorney General

The Vice-Chairperson, Jeb Spaulding, called the Thursday, January 24, 2008, *conference call* meeting to order at 8:35a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: Discuss/Act on Act 50 VPIC Study Report

The Board discussed the difference of "accepting" the report vs. "approving" the report. Mr. Spaulding advised that it was his intent to provide, with the report, the empirical/comparative data prepared by NEPC and the Deputy Treasurer. He reminded the Board he would also share his personal opinion regarding the report with the Legislature, which was that clarity of what the VPIC's mission was, continuity and competence of the Committee's membership were critical for success.

On a motion by Mr. Johannesen seconded by Mr. Samsom, the Board unanimously voted that pursuant to Section 10 of Act 50, the VSERS Board accepted the report by Gordon Clark and Ashby Monk, with the proviso that acceptance did not indicate support for all of the recommendations of the report.

Mr. Herlihy and Mr. Reardon expressed their strong opposition to the recommendation that the VPIC engage their own private legal counsel. The Board discussed whether it would be useful for the Board to meet to review and vote on each of the report's recommendations, for the record, which would provide feed-back to the Legislature if requested.

Mr. Spaulding agreed that in addition to advising the Legislature of each of the Boards' actions regarding the report, and supplying the empirical data, he would include a statement in the report's transmittal letter that at least the VSERS Board would be continuing with review and discussions of the report.

ITEM 2: Any Other Retirement Business to Come Before the Board

None

ITEM 3: Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Herlihy seconded by Mr. Reardon, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next scheduled VPIC meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2008

The next scheduled VSERS *conference call* meeting is February 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Holden, Board Coordinator
for Cynthia Webster, Secretary to the Board