

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 12, 2009

VSERS Members present:

Warren Whitney, Chairperson VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2010) – via telephone

Elizabeth Pearce, Deputy State Treasurer, representing Jeb Spaulding, VT State Treasurer

Kevin Gaffney, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2009) – via telephone

Donald Robisky, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2009) - via telephone

Roger Dumas, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2009) – via telephone

David Herlihy, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio)

James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management (ex-officio)

Richard Johannesen, Governor's Delegate (ex-officio) – via telephone

Members absent:

Robert Hooper, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2010)

Also attending:

Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach & Secretary to the Board

Bill Griffin, Chief Assistant Attorney General

Jaye Johnson, Assistant Attorney General

David Minot, Finance and Investment Director

Monica Chiren, Assistant to Cynthia Webster

The Chairperson, Warren Whitney, called the Thursday, March 12, 2009, conference call meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: **Approve the Minutes of: February 12, 2009**

On motion by Mr. Johannesen, seconded by Mr. Gaffney, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009 as submitted. Mr. Herlihy abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

ITEM 2: **Discuss/Act on disability recommendation for:**

Sally A. Blondo

Sonja L. Pomainville

Lorraine Masi

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Gaffney, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Sally A. Blondo, Sonja L. Pomainville and Lorraine Masi without review.

There was a discussion whether the physician's signed off on the disability recommendations. Ms. Webster indicated in the future she would make a copy of the physician's signature page for the Board.

Virginia L. Bishop

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Reardon, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Virginia L. Bishop with a one year review.

Glenda J. Nye

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Johannesen, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Glenda J. Nye with a one year review. Mr. Dumas and Mr. Herlihy indicated they would abstain from the vote.

On motion of Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Johannesen the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing medical information.

(Donna Holden was invited to enter the room for the Executive Session.)

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Whitney indicated that on consensus of the Board during Executive Session additional information would be presented at the April Board meeting confirming that a determination was made of a work related injury for Glenda Nye.

The motion by Ms. Pearce was tabled.

ITEM 3: Review/Act on disability application waiver for:

John Melvin

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted to deny the disability application waiver for John Melvin. Mr. Robisky voted nay; all others voted aye. The motion passed.

ITEM 4: Discuss 2009 proposed legislative amendments

The Board discussed the draft language of the 10% compensation cap proposed amendment. Ms. Webster reported that AAG Mike McShane indicated it would be more prudent to have the date of July 1, 2012 included in the language.

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, the Board voted to recommend the amendment as written to legislature. Ms. Pearce, Mr. Herlihy, Mr. Johannesen, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Reardon, and Mr. Robisky voted aye. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Dumas voted nay. The motion passed.

ITEM 5: Discuss/Approve definition of Dependent Student

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Herlihy the Board unanimously voted to accept the IRS Dependent Student Determination, with noted amendments.

ITEM 6: Discuss/act on SDIA AEGON insurance wrapper

On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing contracts and Agenda Items 6 and 7.

(David Minot entered the room for Item 6 only.)

(James Reardon left the room during discussion of Item 7.)

The Board exited Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Whitney indicated the consensus of the Board during Executive Session was for the Treasurer's Office staff and the Attorney General's Office to obtain further information and report back to the Board on the SDIA AEGON insurance wrapper.

ITEM 7: Update on 457 Reality Investing Option

Mr. Whitney indicated the consensus of the Board during Executive Session was for the Treasurer's Office to continue negotiations and refer back to the Board with updates.

(Donna Holden entered the room.)

(Ms. Pearce left the room.)

ITEM 8: Discuss/Act on disability recommendation for:

Glenda J. Nye

Ms. Holden presented to the Board a letter confirming Ms. Nye's injury was accepted as an occupational injury by Risk Management. The Board discussed reconsidering the tabled motion.

On motion by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, the Board unanimously voted to reconsider the tabled motion on Item 2 concerning the disability recommendation for Glenda J. Nye.

On motion by Mr. Gaffney, seconded by Mr. Johannesen, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Glenda J. Nye with a one year review. Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Johannesen and Mr. Robisky voted aye. Mr. Dumas and Mr. Herlihy abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

ITEM 9: Any other business

Ms. Webster indicated that the current actuarial contract will expire on June 30, 2009, and an updated actuarial RFP was being developed.

Mr. Robisky recommended in the future long agendas might be better served having an in-house meeting.

ITEM 10: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Gaffney, seconded by Mr. Johannesen, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is a *conference call* meeting on April 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Webster
Secretary to the Board