

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 9, 2009

VSEERS Members present:

Warren Whitney, Chairperson VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2010)
Jeb Spaulding, VT State Treasurer
Kevin Gaffney, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2009)
Robert Hooper, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2010)
Donald Robisky, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2009)
Roger Dumas, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2009)
Harold Schwartz representing 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:

None

Also attending:

Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach & Secretary to the Board
Elizabeth Pearce, Deputy State Treasurer
Michael Clasen, Director of Retirement Operations
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, April 9, 2009, conference call meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: Approve the Minutes of: March 12, 2009

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Reardon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 12, 2009 as submitted.

ITEM 2: Discuss/Act on disability recommendation for:

Debra Cheney

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 Debra Cheney, with a one-year review.

ITEM 3: Discuss/Act on request for retroactive benefits for:

William Culver, Sr.
Donna Fellingner

The Board indicated it would like further information from Michael Clasen on this item before acting on the request.

ITEM 4: Discuss/Act on emergency withdrawals requests for:

Heidi Adams
Mary Dawson

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Spaulding, the Board voted unanimously to approve the emergency withdrawal request for Heidi Adams as recommended by Great West.

On motion by Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Spaulding, the Board voted unanimously to approve the emergency withdrawal request for Mary Dawson as recommended by Great West.

(Michael Clasen and Robert Hooper entered the room.)

The Board discussed it would like to be provided with more information from Great West concerning what guidelines they use in conjunction with emergency withdrawals. The Board discussed their concern about the amount of paper that is used in order to provide information to the Board. It was decided the Great West issue and the "paper" issue would be put on the May agenda.

(Cynthia Webster entered the room.)

ITEM 5: Discuss/Act on request for retroactive benefits for:

William Culver, Sr.
Donna Fellingner

Mr. Clasen provided the Board with more information concerning the retroactive benefits for the above members.

On motion by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Hooper, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:07 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing the recommendation of the Retirement Division concerning Agenda Item 5.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

ITEM 8: Update on 457 Reality Investment option

On motion by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing contracts and Agenda Item 8.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:54 a.m.

On motion by Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to allow the Attorney General's Office and Ms. Pearce to go forward with executing a contract in compliance with what was discussed in Executive Session as far as an agreement between the participant and the administrator of the program.

Mr. Robisky indicated he would like to see a draft of the letter before it goes out to the members.

(David Minot entered the room.)

ITEM 9: Update on SDIA AEGON insurance wrapper

On motion by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Reardon, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 10:59 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing contracts and Agenda Item 9.

(Jeb Spaulding left the room. Elizabeth Pearce is representing Jeb Spaulding.)

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:29 a.m.

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Gaffney, the Board unanimously voted to approve amendments to the two AEGON/Monumental Life contracts providing wrap insurance from the Single Deposit Investment Account, to increase the fees from 8 basis points per annum to 15 basis points per annum, and to authorize the State Treasurer's Office Staff in consultation with the Attorney General's Office to negotiate extended contract duration provisions and new investment guidelines requested by AEGON/Monumental Life.

Item 10: Any other business

None.

ITEM 11: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Gaffney, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is an in-house meeting on May 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Webster
Secretary to the Board