

LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT BENEFITS STUDY COMMITTEE

Authorized by Act 25 of the 2019 Legislative Session

Treasurer's Conference Room

January 10, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

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Members present:

BETH PEARCE, Chair, Vermont State Treasurer

SENATOR JANE KITCHEL, Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations

REPRESENTATIVE MAIDA TOWNSEND, Designee Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations

INGRID JONAS, Designee Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

MICHAEL O'NEIL, Member appointed by the Vermont Troopers' Association

BETH FASTIGGI, Commissioner of Human Resources – via telephone

ROGER DUMAS, Chair of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System

JOHN FEDERICO, Member appointed by the Vermont State Employees' Association – via telephone

Members absent:

SENATOR JEANETTE WHITE, Chair of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN GANNON, Designee Chair of the House Committee on Government Operations

Also attending:

Tim Duggan, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the State Treasurer

Erika Wolffing, Director of Retirement Operations

Harold Schwartz, Director Department of Human Resources Operations

Annie Noonan, Department of States Attorneys and Sheriffs – via telephone

The Chair, Beth Pearce, called the Friday, January 10, 2020 committee meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 4th Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

Item 1: **Agenda Approval and Announcements**

There were no announcements or changes to the agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Federico, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Item 2: **Approve the minutes of December 19, 2019**

On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 19, 2019 as submitted.

Item 3: **Finalize and Approve Progress Report**

Ms. Wolffing presented the edits to the progress report based on feedback from the Committee at the December meeting. Ms. Kitchel requested clarification regarding next steps for the issues involving the Sheriff Departments. The Committee discussed this change and agreed to the edits as proposed.

On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Senator Kitchel, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the progress report with minor edits.

Item 4: Other Business and Public Comment

None.

Item 5: Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. O'Neil, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:22 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next Law Enforcement Retirement Benefits Study Committee Meeting is Monday, March 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Erika Wolfing
Director of Retirement Operations, Office of the State Treasurer