

**LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT BENEFITS STUDY COMMITTEE**

Authorized by Act 25 of the 2019 Legislative Session

Virtual Meeting Only

**January 11, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**

Please note all member participated via telephone, video, or teleconference:

**Members present:**

BETH PEARCE, Chair, Vermont State Treasurer

SENATOR JANE KITCHEL, Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations

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

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

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

CAPTAIN MICHAEL MANLEY, representing Major Ingrid Jonas

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

BETH FASTIGGI, Commissioner of Human Resources

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

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

**Members absent:**

INGRID JONAS, Designee Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

**Also attending:**

Michael Clasen, Deputy State Treasurer

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

Erika Wolffing, Director of Retirement Operations

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer

Jim Condos, Secretary of State

Lauren Hibbert, Director of Office of Professional Regulation

The Chair, Beth Pearce, called the Monday January 11, 2021 committee meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., which was held virtually by conference call and teleconference only.

**Item 1:           Agenda Approval and Announcements**

There were no announcements or changes to the agenda.

**On a motion made by Senator White, seconded by Senator Kitchel, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Item 2:           Approve the minutes of December 17, 2020**

**On a motion made by Senator Kitchel, seconded by Mr. Federico, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 17, 2020 as submitted.**

**Item 3:           Approve the Final Report due January 15, 2021**

Ms. Wolffing updated the Committee on minor technical correction changes made to the draft of the final report sent earlier in the day.

Secretary Condos provided testimony disagreeing with the Committee's conclusion that the investigators at the licensing board should not be in Group C. The Committee discussed the Secretary's objections and agreed to add his written testimony as an attachment to the final report and note his objections within the text of the report. The Committee acknowledged that the issues raised by Secretary Condos needed further discussion in the Committees of jurisdictions.

**On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Representative Gannon, the Committee voted unanimously to approval the final report with minor technical changes and the addition of Secretary Condos' written testimony.**

**Item 4: Other Business and Public Comment**

None.

**Item 5: Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Representative Gannon, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. This concluded the final meeting of the Law Enforcement Retirement Benefits Study Committee established by Act 25 of the 2019 Legislative Session.**

Respectfully submitted.



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