

VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Meeting of the Board of Trustees – In-House Meeting
May 11, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

VSERS Members present:

Roger Dumas, Chairperson, VRSEA Representative (term expiring October 31, 2018)
Thomas Hango, Vice-Chairperson, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2018)
Jeff Briggs, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2018)
Judy Rosenstreich, VSEA Representative (term expiring September, 2017)
Jean-Paul Isabelle – VSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring September, 2017)
Jay Wisner, Governor's Delegate position
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio)
Nick Foss, representing Department of Finance & Management (ex-officio)
Michael Clasen, Representing Beth Pearce

Members absent:

Allen Blake, VRSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring October 31, 2018)
Andy Pallito, Commissioner of Finance and Management
Beth Pearce, VT State Treasurer

Also attending:

Laurie Lanphear, Director of Retirement Operations
Matt Considine, Investments Director, Treasurer's Office
Andy Cook, Investments Analyst, Treasurer's Office
Joshua McCormick, Administrative Coordinator, Retirement Division
Karl Kroner, Chip Sanville – Empower Retirement
Brendon Morrison, Hazel Durand - Nationwide Insurance

The Chairperson, Roger Dumas, called the May 11, 2017, conference call meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., which was held in the BGS-MTPL Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 5: **Approve the Minutes of:**

- **April 13, 2017**

On motion by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Ms. Rosenstreich, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017 as submitted.

ITEM 2: **Empower Retirement Presentation**

Mr. Kroner presented to the Board the latest quarterly results for the VSERS 457 Retirement plan (1/1/17 – 3/31/17). He went over the latest results of Total Assets, Asset Growth, and the Percentage of Assets by Asset Class. Total Assets are at 443.58 million. From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, there were 7,176 total participants with an average account balance of

\$61,814 per participant, which is an increase of 10.4 percent from 3/31/2016. Mr. Kroner then discussed findings for Average Participants by Age Group, Participants and Contributions of Roth vs Regular, Contribution History, Percentage of Contributions by Asset Class, and Benefit Payment Distribution. Mr. Kroner also presented to the Board, the internet statistics for the last Quarter. Mr. Sanville discussed field activity for the last quarter which included 15 group meetings, 459 appointments, 79 new enrollments, and \$884,364 in roll-ins.

Mr. Sanville gave an overview of the latest SDIA quarterly report (1/1/17 – 3/31/17). Plan Assets are at 47.92 million, which is a decrease of \$1.12 million in the last quarter. There are still 1,332 participants in the plan. 1,066 of the participants are over the age of 65.

ITEM 3: TRU-UP Report

Mr. Foss provided a TRU-UP Report memo to the Board. The required funding needs of the VSERS Defined Benefit pension plan are on track to be more than satisfied during FY17. The contribution rate will remain at 17.47 percent. If payroll trends continue as they are, the VSERS employer contribution should exceed the required contribution level. The Board thanked Mr. Foss for his update.

ITEM 4: Discuss/act on disability retirement recommendation for:

- Briane Barr
- Bonnie Hurley

On motion by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Briane Barr with a one year medical review.

On motion by Ms. Rosenstreich, seconded by Mr. Hango, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Bonnie Hurley with no further medical review.

ITEM 5: VRSEA Request – Permission to Receive Necrology Reports

Mr. Dumas stated that the VRSEA is requesting a quarterly necrology report from the Retirement Office to prevent mailings to deceased individuals.

On motion by Mr. Clasen, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to defer this topic to allow the Retirement Office to consult with legal counsel.

ITEM 6: 3rd Party RFP Update

On motion by Mr. Clasen, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Karl Kroner, Chip Sanville, Brendan Morrison, and Hazel Durand all left the meeting at this time.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:21 a.m.

ITEM 6: Any Other Business to be brought before the Board

None

ITEM 7: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Ms. Rosenstreich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:22 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is a Conference Call meeting, June 8th, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua McCormick
Administrative Coordinator IV