

the core pension management tool, and the State owns its version of the PensionGold System. This contract is what governs the ongoing support and business continuity service for the PensionGold System.

Mr. Isabelle inquired about the service provided by LRS to the state. Mr. Duggan stated the level of service is good and that LRS has dedicated a technical lead and a relationship lead to Vermont to address any needs. He explained that Vermont is a larger client of LRS's, and that service has been prompt and professional.

Commissioner Fastiggi inquired about LRS' system security. Mr. St. James mentioned that their platform was approved by ADS and the PAT process was completed. Mr. Duggan added the system is currently hosted on premises, but that the Division is exploring a possible cloud solution option as well.

On a motion made by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boyles, the Board voted unanimously to approve the LRS Extension Contract, as presented by staff, with the correction of the clerical error regarding the maximum amount, which should be \$4 million.

ITEM 4: Legislative Update

Mr. Duggan provided a legislative update on the following items:

Mr. Duggan informed the Board that the House passed H.585, but it has not yet been taken up in the Senate.

Mr. Duggan also described a request from VSEA for three studies on the following topics:

- Amending the contribution rates for state employees to have additional bands to mitigate the impact when an employee moves from one band to the next;
- Updating the anti-spiking provisions to remove mandatory overtime from the capping calculation; and
- Updating the military service credit provisions to provide grants of service credit to those who served in wars besides Korea and Vietnam (currently the only periods of service that qualify for a grant).

Mr. Duggan explained that each of these studies will cost approximately \$25,000 in actuarial services costs.

Mr. Isabelle inquired about how much the anti-spiking is used. Mr. Duggan mentioned it comes up occasionally.

Mr. Duggan also indicated that S.42 – the divestment bill – which passed the Senate last year is being taken up by the House. Mr. Boyles commended to Board members a report produced by Meketa (a consultant retained by VPIC) on decarbonization options for the VPIC portfolio, as well as suggested statutory changes proposed by VPIC.

ITEM 5: Disability Recommendation(s) from the January 18, 2024, meeting of the Medical Review Board:

Jay Rikken

On a motion made by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boyles, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Medical Review Board for the disability retirement for Jay Rikken.

ITEM 6: Other Business

Commissioner Fastiggi inquired about the status of the Medical Review Board physician recruitment. Ms. Howard advised the Board that the two physicians on the Board are actively making efforts to recruit a third member.

Mr. Duggan updated the Board on the Treasurer's Office renovation project and indicated that he hoped that staff would be moving back into the Pavilion Building office in about a month.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boyles, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:39 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled VSERS Board meeting is on May 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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