

## **VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Conference Call Only

**July 9, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Members present:**

ROGER DUMAS, Chair, VRSEA Representative (term expiring October 31, 2020) – via telephone

JEAN-PAUL ISABELLE, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2020) – via telephone

ERIC DAVIS, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2021) – via telephone

JOHN FEDERICO, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 30, 2020) – via telephone

JAY WISNER, Governor's Delegate position – via telephone

BETH FASTIGGI, Commissioner of Human Resources – via telephone

BETH PEARCE, VT State Treasurer – via telephone

BARBARA KESSLER, VSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring September 30, 2021) – via telephone

ALLEN BLAKE, VRSEA Alternate Representative (term expiring October 31, 2020) – via telephone

### **Members absent:**

ADAM GRESHIN, Commissioner of Finance and Management

### **Also attending:**

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner of Department of Human Resources – via telephone

Tim Duggan, Assistant Attorney General – via telephone

Erika Wolffing, Director Retirement Operations – via telephone

Lesley Campbell, Administrative Services Coordinator IV – via telephone

The Chair, Roger Dumas, called the Thursday, July 9, 2020 meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., which was held by conference call only.

### **ITEM 1:      **Agenda approval and announcements****

**On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for July 9, 2020.**

### **ITEM 2:      **Approve the Minutes of:****

- June 11, 2020

**On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wisner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020 as presented.**

### **ITEM 3:      **Disability Recommendations from the June 18, 2020 Meeting of the Medical Review Board:****

- Tim Davis
- Carol Wood

**On a motion made by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Wisner, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 to discuss personal medical information.** The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

**On a motion made by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Wisner, the Board voted unanimously to approve disability retirement for Tim Davis without review.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Wisner, seconded by Ms. Pearce the Board voted unanimously to approve disability retirement for Carol Wood without review.**

**ITEM 4: Other Business**

Mr. Isabelle commended and thanked the Department of Human Resources in allowing employees to defer the lump sum payment to deferred compensation.

Ms. Pearce updated the Board on the quarter year FY21 budget which included fully funding the ADEC. Ms. Pearce further stated the next step is to look at attempting to prefund the OPEB. The budget also included language to allow the VPIC to invest any funds in the OPEB account. Ms. Pearce cautioned that when the plan does not prefund its OPEB obligations, the plan is required to use a designated rate of return, last year it was 3.5% based on the 20 year bond rate, and this year it could be lower around 2.2% and that drop will have a negative impact on the unfunded liability.

Mr. Federico requested that the Board continue to share documents electronically and proposed the Board make it an official policy. Mr. Duggan stated that such a change should be warned and acted on at the next meeting.

**ITEM 5: Adjournment**

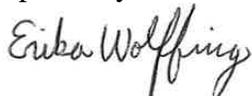
**On a motion made by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Wisner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:27 a.m.**

After adjournment, Ms. Pearce provided additional information about OPEB and pension prefunding.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next VSERS Board meeting is on August 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erika Wolfing  
Director of Retirement Operations