

NEW MEXICO
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 9, 2016

This meeting of the Public Employees Retirement Board Legislative Committee was called to order by Chair Cathy Townes at approximately 10:50 a.m. on the above-cited date in the PERA Building, Senator Fabian Chavez, Jr. Board Room, 33 Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll was called by Deputy Executive Director Greg Trujillo and a quorum was established as follows:

Members Present:

Cathy Townes, Chair
James Maxon, Vice Chair
Dan Esquibel
Paula Fisher
Loretta Naranjo Lopez

Member(s) Excused:

Municipal Member [Vacancy]

Other Member(s) Present:

Dan Mayfield
Patty French
John Reynolds
Jackie Kohlasch

Staff Members Present:

Jonathan Grabel, Chief Investment Officer
Greg Trujillo, Deputy Director
Susan Pittard, Chief of Staff-General Counsel
Renada Peery-Galon, ASD Director
Natalie Cordova, Chief Financial Officer
Danna Varela, Executive Assistant
Karen Risku, Deputy General Counsel
Jude Perez, Deputy CIO
Dana David, Assistant Counsel
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Joaquin Lujan, Director of Rates and Credit
Karyn Lujan, Deferred Compensation Plan Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Fisher moved approval. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Maxon and passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no action on this item.

4. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Update on 2015 Legislation Session

Susan Pittard, Chief of Staff-General Counsel, said Mr. Propst asked that she provide an update and stand for questions. Mr. Propst has sent emails to the Board regarding the bills that are important to the Agency and the Board.

HB 171 – Law enforcement officer return-to-work bill. It is number five on the calendar on the House Floor today.

HB 2 – PERA's budget bill is in the Senate Finance Committee and, due to Ms. Peery-Galon and her staff's efforts, PERA did receive funding for Social Security from the General Fund, two of three FTE positions, and \$4.2 million for IT projects. The reciprocity bill has not been introduced but there is a committed sponsor in Senator Ted Barela.

SJM 3 – The benefit moratorium is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Finance Committee tomorrow.

Ms. Pittard said there are 9 and 1/2 days left in the session and she added HB 171 could be out of the House and assigned to Senate committees as soon as today.

Ms. Pittard explained the reciprocity, which allows service credit under any state system can be combined for retirement eligibility. Currently, the last system the retiree was employed by pays the total benefit and is repaid by the other state systems. The bill introduced would have each system pay its own proportional benefits. Direct deposit is a tremendous gain and would serve the systems best if PERA makes its own deposit and the other agency makes its deposit. She said the current statutory process creates problems with the 1099s and this would simplify many things.

Ms. Naranjo Lopez said she understood from a PERA member that Mr. Propst and Pete Dinelli spoke well against HB 171. Ms. French said Mr. Dinelli appeared at a committee meeting with facts about law enforcement agencies across the state.

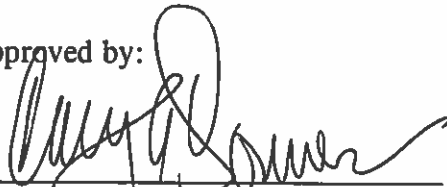
5. OTHER BUSINESS

None was presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fisher moved to adjourn. Mr. Esquibel seconded and Chair Townes declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Approved by:



Cathy Townes, Chair
Legislative Committee

ATTEST:



Wayne Propst, Executive Director