



CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

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November 15, 2017

10:15 am Conference Call Meeting

The meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Chairperson Clare Barnett on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clare Barnett, Teacher Member
Bill Myers, Teacher Member
Steven Muench, Teacher Member
Jonathan Johnson, Public Member
Lisa Mosey, Teacher Member
Charles Higgins, Public Member
Bill Murray, Teacher Member
Laurie Martin, Office of the State Treasurer
Gregory Messner, Office of Policy and Management
Kathy Demsey, State Department of Education

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Elaine Lowengard, Public Member
Stephen McKeever, Teacher Member, AFT

STAFF PRESENT:

Darlene Perez, Administrator
Shantelle Varrs, Fiscal Administrative Manager
Charlene Hill, Assistant to the Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Denise L. Nappier, State Treasurer

Open meeting: Chairperson, Clare Barnett

1. Consideration and Approval of the revised June 30, 2016 Actuarial Valuation report presented by John Garrett, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC.

John Garrett, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, provided a presentation on the revised valuation report as of June 30, 2016. This revision reflects changes contained in the enactment of Senate Bill 1502 (SB 1502), the State budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, which impact the valuation results for the fiscal years ending 2018 and 2019. In this evaluation, and due to enactment of SB 1502, the member contribution is increased from 6.0% to 7.0% of member salary effective January 1, 2018. Further, the increased member amount partially offsets the required employer contribution amount during the biennium ending June 30, 2019. The net effect of SB 1502 was to increase the total cost of the program by 0.09% and increase the member contribution by 1.00% which results in a decrease to the actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC) of 0.91% of total expected payroll over the period from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

State Treasurer, Denise Nappier expressed her concerns that the law may not comply with the bond covenant.

A discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Actuarial Valuation report as of June 30, 2016. All members voted and the motion was passed with one opposed and one abstention.

2. Viability Commission:

Chairperson, Clare Barnett advised the Board that OPM is starting work on an RFP for the Viability Commission as required by the recently passed budget bill. We are requesting that the consulting firm have significant experience and expertise with large state teacher public pension systems, list clients and any direct or indirect funding they receive. OPM will keep the Board updated with progress.

3. Reamortization:

Chairperson, Clare Barnett advised that work on reamortization is ongoing and we are optimistic. The Board will be kept updated with progress on the path forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Roll call was conducted to confirm attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.