



CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

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MINUTES

May 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was held on May 17, 2023. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clare Barnett, Chair, Retired Teacher Member
Joslyn Delancey, Active Teacher Member
Lisa Heavner, Public Member
Charles Higgins, Public Member
Jonathan Johnson, Public Member

ABSENT:

Carrie Cassady, Active Teacher Member
Kathleen Holt, Public Member
Gregory Messner, Office of Policy and Management
William Murray, Vice-Chair, Retired Teacher Member
Keith Norton, State Department of Education
Stephen McKeever, Active Teacher Member, AFT
Ted Wright, Office of the State Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Helen Sullivan, Administrator
Charlene Hill, Assistant Administrator
Bob Ribera, Fiscal Administrative Manager
Naomi Calvi, IT Analyst

ALSO PRESENT:

Bruce Barth, Robinson & Cole
Terry DeMattie, Segal Consulting
DeDe Raybuck, United Healthcare
Karen Nolen, OPM
Christina Gellman, OFA
Robyn Kaplan-Cho, CEA

Bill Myers
Walt Ciplinski
Kathy Hennessey
James Stirling
Paula Schwartz
Avital
Mary Hendrickson
Sherell Carey
Rosanne Morris

Margaret Rick
Henry L Conway
Fonda Green
Paula Bacolini
Ruth Cion
Barbara Oppedisano
Rosemary Lombard
Susan Schmidek

Call to Order

Chairperson, Clare Barnett called the regular meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:

A motion was moved by Charles Higgins and seconded by Johnathan Johnson to approve the meeting minutes for March 8, 2023. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

2. Agency Report presented by Helen Sullivan, Administrator

Health Insurance:

We just attended the ARTC and CEA luncheon yesterday and today. United is hosting two lunch and learn webinars about our hearing aid benefit. We received a compliment from one of our members who was actually on the insurance committee for about 20 years on one of the various retiree groups. They were very pleased with the benefit and how it works. We received great feedback at the last two meetings. We had 243 enrollments from March until now. 220 enrollments for the Medicare Advantage plan and 23 for the Medicare Supplement plan. We have had minimal inquiries. We haven't had any issues. Everything is running pretty smoothly.

Core-CT:

The Core project is moving along very well. We are on track for phase one for February 2024, which will be payroll.

Staffing:

We have several positions that we will be able to move forward with in the 2024-25 fiscal years.

3. Approval of the Administrator's actions regarding:

- a. Granting of service retirement benefits for the months of March and April 2023.
- b. Survivor benefits for the months of March and April 2023.
- c. Reports & recommendations of the Medical Review Committee regarding applications for Disability Payments as presented to the Medical Review Committee at the March and April 2023 meeting.

A motion was moved by Joslyn DeLancey and seconded by Jonathan Johnson to approve the granting of service retirement, survivor benefits and applications for a disability allowance for the months of March and April 2023. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

BOARD INFORMATION:

Retirement Statistics for the months of March and April 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Walt Ciplinski questioned whether there was a quorum for today's meeting.

Paula Bacolini questioned when the TRB would be starting the plans for two new retired seats on the board per HB6489 which just passed the House as amended.

Ruth Cion thanked Paula for bringing up the question she wanted to ask regarding elections.

Rita McDougald-Campbell questioned if the interim board seat posted on the website is effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other comments or announcements, a motion was moved by Jonathan Johnson and seconded by Charles Higgins to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.