



**CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD**

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**MINUTES**  
**July 31, 2024**

A special board meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was held virtually on July 31, 2024. The meeting convened at 3:03 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clare Barnett, Chair, Retired Teacher Member  
William Myers, Vice-Chair, Retired Teacher Member  
Lisa Heavner, Public Member  
Charles Higgins, Public Member  
Kathleen Holt, Public Member  
Jonathan Johnson, Public Member  
Mary-Beth Lang, Retired Teacher Member  
Stephen McKeever, Active Teacher Member, AFT  
Jon Moss, Active Teacher Member  
Keith Norton, State Department of Education  
Edwin Vargas, Retired Teacher Member

**ABSENT:**

Carrie Cassidy, Active Teacher Member  
Gregory Messner, Office of Policy and Management  
Joslyn Delancey, Active Teacher Member  
Ted Wright, Office of the State Treasurer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Helen Sullivan, Administrator  
Charlene Hill, Assistant Administrator  
Amanda Harley, Retirement & Benefits Officer  
Naomi Calvi, IT Analyst

## **ALSO PRESENT:**

Terry DeMattie, Segal Consulting  
Nicolette Niedzwiecki, OFA  
Tammy Gowash, ARTC  
Kathy Hennessey  
Barbara Cross  
Kathy M.  
Bonnie Barnes  
Anne Skandera  
Jan Sousa  
Patricia Marcinczyk  
Moir Schiffer  
Andrea Aron  
Careen Jennings  
Harry Kropp  
Thomas Bruenn  
Daniel Diodato  
Mimi Hostetter  
Mimi Herald

Richard Wells  
Jack Tyrrell  
Rosemary Powers  
Cesar Lara  
Miriam Lappen  
Fonda Green  
Gail Martin  
Lynn Griswold  
Rita McDougald-Campbell  
Bonnie Lieberman  
Eunice Rees  
Marilyn Tracey  
Judy S.  
Barbara Oppedisano  
Dorothy Evans  
Charlotte C.

## **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 Dental RFP Subcommittee recommendation.**

Administrator Helen Sullivan advised that the dental RFP committee consisted of Keith Norton, Mary-Beth Lang, and Jon Moss. The committee worked with Terry DeMattie and her team at Segal Consulting. After careful review, the committee recommended the agency move forward with Cigna as the vendor for the Dental Administrative Services effective January 1, 2025. There will be no impact to the rates which are \$54 per member per month. The committee members thanked Terry and her team for their assistance throughout the process. All committee members voiced their support in moving forward with Cigna stating that Cigna is continuing to provide good service to our members, making improvements, and providing more options in terms of providers for our retired teachers. Terry DeMattie also stated that there was no compelling reason to move to another vendor.

A motion was moved by Keith Norton and seconded by Steve McKeever to approve Cigna as the dental vendor and the dental rates effective January 1, 2025. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Chairperson Clare Barnett advised that we still have the medical rates coming up in a meeting hopefully at the end of August. There will be more information on that meeting in the next week or two.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other comments, a motion was moved by Keith Norton and seconded by Jon Moss to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at: 3:10 p.m.