

Retired State Employees Association Special Called Board Meeting
Held at RSEA Office
6901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 121, Austin, TX 78752
February 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Justine Martone, Don Raschke, Sylvia Gregory, Tom Griebel, Marie Moore, Elizabeth Blount, and Diane Thomas.

Board members absent: Willie Piña, Dan Van Cleve and Lillie Gilligan.

Guests attending: None.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

New Business

Job Posting

After discussion, Bill Hamilton indicated he would contact staff at ACC and Don Raschke indicated he would speak with staff at UT about posting our job vacancy.

ERS Mail Out

Justine Martone passed out copies of the bid for printing and mailing out 40,215 letters to state retirees through ERS. The printer has also been asked to provide a bid to provide printed envelopes for our office use.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount and Bill Hamilton reported that they had a positive meeting with an individual from the governor's office regarding the funding of our pension. The feedback they received from the Pensions and Investments Committee was favorable as well. President Hamilton reiterated that issuing a 13th check or implementing a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) is not up to the legislature but is up to ERS alone, provided the pension fund is actuarially sound before the check is issued and is actuarially sound after it is issued. ERS determines how much is available.

ERS Board of Trustees Election

Bill Hamilton led a discussion on possibly endorsing one of the candidates for the ERS Board of Trustees. It was decided to put the candidates' links on our website. Marie Moore made a motion to place a message on our website urging our members to review the candidates' qualifications and encourage them to vote. Sylvia Gregory seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Tom Griebel made a motion to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Diane Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.