

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., 1st Floor Conference Room, Austin Texas
January 16, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by 1st Vice President Marie Moore.

Board Members present: Bill Hamilton via Skype, Marie Moore, Tom Griebel, Denice Bettencourt, and Eliza May, Willie Piña.

Board Members Absent: Elena Diaz, and Dona Medlock.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting were presented. Willie Piña moved approval of the minutes; with a second by Eliza May. Tom Griebel called for discussion; the motion was withdrawn. Eliza moved approval of the minutes, as amended; upon second by Willie Piña, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Related Financials

Tom Griebel presented financial reports for the months of November and December 2019. Willie Piña moved acceptance, subject to audit, with a second by Denice Bettencourt. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications

Membership

Office Administration

Marie Moore provided updates regarding membership and office activities.

Bill Hamilton discussed pending communications related to membership outreach and newsletter content.

Insurance and Annuities

Bill Hamilton included information with the Legislative and ERS report.

Legislative and ERS

Bill Hamilton attended the ERS Board of Trustees meeting on December 10-11. Bill Hamilton and Tom Griebel attended the stakeholder briefing on December 16. Bill Dally, former RSEA board member, was also present at the stakeholder briefing,

Mr. Hamilton provided copies of a summary of the 2019 Pension Funding Actuarial Valuation Report, by the actuary, that had been presented to the ERS Board of Trustees on December 10.

Discussion was centered on the outlook for all pension funds administered by the ERS.

Discussion and/or appointment of Committee Chairs

This agenda item was deferred.

Discussion and possible action regarding participation for Scholarship(s) and/or Fellowship(s) in state public service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

Tom Griebel reported on a meeting he and Bill Hamilton had with staff at the LBJ School.

By motion, Mr. Griebel asked for authorization to further negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the LBJ School that would include consideration of a 5-year pledge. Upon second by Willie Piña, the board agreed for Mr. Griebel and Mr. Hamilton to continue communication.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

A work session would be scheduled to develop specific strategies for communication with legislators and their staff.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. upon motion by Tom Griebel and second by Willie Piña.