

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication
July 15, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board Members present: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Elena Diaz, Denice Bettencourt, Eliza May, Carla James, Ed Seidenberg.

Board Members Absent: Dona Medlock, Willie Piña and Rick Moss.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Denice Bettencourt, minutes of the June 17, 2021 regular board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Financial reports
- Status of audit for 2020 fiscal calendar year
- Update regarding liability insurance renewal

Elena Diaz presented the Treasurer's report. Copies of financial reports had been distributed to board members. Upon motion by Denice Bettencourt and second by Ed Seidenberg, the reports were unanimously accepted, with corrections, subject to audit.

Arrangements were not yet complete for a financial audit for fiscal calendar year 2020. Renewal of liability insurance was complete.

Certain certificates of deposit were scheduled to mature. Treasurer Diaz surveyed local institutions regarding prevailing interest rates. Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Denice Bettencourt, the board unanimously agreed to transfer one CD account from Plains Capital Bank to Greater Texas Credit Union.

Standing Committee Reports

a. Communications

- Production schedule for August newsletter
- Other business of the committee

Ed Seidenberg outlined contents of the August newsletter to be submitted to the print company by August 17. A schedule for future newsletters would be prepared.

b. Membership

- Update on recent outreach to inactive members
- Next steps on annual membership recruitment
- Other membership outreach

Eliza May reported about ongoing reinvestments from formerly inactive members. Materials had been provided to board members to actively recruit new members.

Bill Hamilton discussed the annual membership recruitment program. Some materials had already been developed and other documents were in draft format.

c. Office Administration

- Personnel update
- Current projects

Marie Moore introduced Falecia Rivers, who recently began orientation as Office Manager. Falecia recently retired from the Texas Department of Insurance, having completed over 27 years of state employment. She described her work history, including volunteer service with Integral Care.

d. Legislative

- Update on 87th Legislature Regular Session
- Update on 87th Legislature Called Session

Carla James noted ERS was working to implement legislative changes. A notable change was the ability for a retiree to run for a position on the ERS Board of Trustees. The next ERS election year would be 2023.

Update on AMBA Relations

Bill Hamilton announced Marie Moore would serve as the primary liaison to interact with Bo Carr with AMBA.

Update Regarding Website Redevelopment and Logo Refresh

- Short and Long-term planning
- Vilocity report July 21

Marie Moore and Ed Seidenberg would be meeting with Bo Carr and staff from Vilocity's website team to discuss information to be placed on a new website. A new website would need to include annual meeting registration capability. A separate Vilocity team would review logo preferences and design.

Discussion and Planning – Annual Membership Meeting

The 2021 virtual annual membership meeting would be Wednesday, September 29, 2021. A work session was held on July 8. A draft agenda outline was shared. Additional communication would be had with potential speakers and others.

Appointment of Nominations Committee for Upcoming Election Cycle for Director and Officer Positions Ending on December 31, 2021

Elena Diaz, Dona Medlock and Carla James were appointed to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Executive Session, if needed

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

Adjourn

Upon motion by Elena Diaz and second by Carla James, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.