

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
RSEA Office - 6901 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, TX 78752
April 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board Members in Attendance

Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone, Tom Griebel, Willie Piña, Don Raschke, Bill Dally, Diane Thomas and Ed Dolzel.

Board Members Absent

Lillie Gilligan and Dona Medlock.

Others in Attendance

Jeanie Coffey – Association Member Benefits Advisors National Director of Association Relations

RSEA Staff: Celia Lovett and Jacque Duncan

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 16, 2017, regular monthly Board meeting and from the March 27, 2017, called Board meeting were presented by Bill Hamilton. Willie Piña made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings as submitted; Tom Griebel seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Related Financials

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's report for the months of January, February and March 2017. Financials were distributed/reviewed for the three months. Marie Moore made a motion to accept the report (subject to audit); it was seconded by Willie Piña; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Griebel presented the audit report for the time period of January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. Mr. Griebel recommended that the Association commit to an audit every four years, with 2020 the next year to be audited. The preparation for that audit would begin in October of 2020, to be completed during the early spring of 2021. Upon motion by Don Raschke and second by Bill Dally, the board voted unanimously to accept the audit report.

Tom Griebel requested he be given the authority to transfer funds between RSEA's accounts in order to earn a better interest rate. Motion to accept this request was made by Don Raschke; Willie Piña seconded the motion; it was passed unanimously

Standing Committee Reports

Communications

Don Raschke described improvements to the email system that were utilized for the most recent email message regarding the ERS board of trustees election.

Membership

Justine Martone reported her plans to represent RSEA at upcoming ERS retiree fair April 12 and an agency annual wellness fair April 25.

Office Administration

Marie Moore provided a draft of the next Capitol News as written by Bill Hamilton. She has researched purchase of a new computer and related software and network requirements.

Insurance

ERS has reported that Humana will not be merging with Aetna. Humana will continue to provide Medicare Advantage coverage.

Legislative

Bill Hamilton shared that RSEA will pursue our goal to have a retiree on the ERS Board of Trustees. Bill testified before the Senate Finance Committee and the Healthcare Costs Workgroup. The House and Senate have added enough money to cover insurance costs. The LBB has indicated monies available for ERS may be limited for the next biennium. Mr. Hamilton discussed committee appointments and distributed lists.

Creation of New Standing Committee – Board Nominations and Development

Bill Hamilton appointed Don Raschke as chair of this board with Marie Moore, Willie Piña, Diane Thomas and Dona Medlock as members. Issues for the committee are: nominations and recruitment.

Review Standing Committee Membership and Chairs, consider changes

Deferred.

Update on ERS Sunset Review

The Sunset Bill has passed the Senate. The House is making amendments to it.

Planning Process for 2017 Annual Membership Meeting

A date for the RSEA annual membership meeting has been selected and a venue located. The Williamson Conference Center of the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock, Texas is available on October 5, 2017. Tom Griebel made a motion to approve the date and venue for the annual meeting; Willie Piña seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. upon motion by Diane Thomas and second by Justine Martone; motion passed unanimously.

Next RSEA Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017.

A meeting of the ERS Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 17, 2017.