

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association of Texas
Meeting of Board of Directors
RSEA Office
6901 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, TX 78752
February 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton and immediately went into Executive Session; no action taken. Board meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Board Members Absent

Bill Dally, Lillie Gilligan, Diane Thomas, Dona Medlock.

Others in Attendance

RSEA Staff: Celia Lovett

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 19, 2017, regular monthly Board meeting were presented by Bill Hamilton. Tom Griebel made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Willie Piña seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Related Financials

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's report January 2017. Don Raschke made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Willie Piña; motion passed unanimously.

Review of office lease for RSEA. New 12-month lease goes into effect on March 1, 2017. Marie Moore made a motion to approve the new lease (with approval of the budget at the March board meeting); Willie Piña seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications

Don Raschke asked that the board members take time to review the website and provide him with feedback.

Membership

Justine Martone reported her plans to have a table for RSEA at upcoming ERS retiree fairs (March 13 and 23) and agency annual wellness fair (April 25).

Office Administration

Marie Moore hoped to have a draft of the next Capitol News ready in March.

Insurance

Humana will not be merging with Aetna.

Legislative

Bill Hamilton shared that RSEA will pursue our goal to have a retiree on the ERS Insurance Advisory Committee when ERS recreates the benefit advisory. Bill testified before the 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. Bill discussed committee appointments and distributed lists.

Consider Creation of New Standing Committee – Board Nominations and Development
Deferred.

Review Standing Committee Membership and Chairs, consider changes
Deferred.

Updates on: Newsletter, Capitol News
Discussed information to be included.

Update on ERS Sunset Review
No new information.

Planning Process for 2017 Annual Membership Meeting – date TBD
No new information.

Volunteer Workshop – February 23, 2017
The volunteer workshop will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Casa Chapala. Bill asked board members to attend if their schedules allowed.

Updates regarding AMBA and Texans for Secure Retirement
Bill will be meeting with AMBA representatives.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order
House Appointments: February 21, 2017
AFSME Reception: February 22, 2017
TEXPERS Conference: April 8, 2017
TSEU Lobby Day: April 12, 2017

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. upon motion by Marie Moore and second by Justine Martone.

Next RSEA Board Meeting
The next board meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017.
A meeting of the ERS Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 17, 2017.