

**Minutes  
Retired State Employees Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication  
May 20, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dona Medlock and Willie Piña.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Rick Moss and second by Elena Diaz, minutes of the April 15, 2021 board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**Standing Committee Reports**

- a. **Communications**
- b. **Membership**
- c. **Office Administration**

Ed Seidenberg discussed proposed articles and format for a newsletter to be distributed at the end of June or early July.

Eliza May explained efforts being made by the membership committee to communicate with former members.

Marie Moore provided information about activities in the office building. Work tasks were current.

A new postage meter and contract for services had been proposed by Pitney Bowes; costs would remain unchanged. Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Elena Diaz, the transaction was approved.

**Legislative (including ERS meetings)**

Carla James distributed and summarized a list of legislation related to the Employees Retirement System (ERS) appropriations request, and other items.

Mr. Hamilton and Ms James had actively participated with a coalition of organizations with a common goal to restore the ERS to sound actuarial status and sustain benefits for current and future employees and retirees.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Membership Outreach**

Ms. May had distributed a proposed outreach package for review. Upon motion by Denice Bettencourt and second by Elena Diaz, the communication was approved for distribution.

## **Discussion and Update Regarding Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) Proposals**

Bill Hamilton provided an update. It was agreed a called board meeting would be scheduled for May 27 at 2:00 p.m. to review additional information and possibly approve the proposal.

## **Update and Possible Action regarding participation for Scholarships in state public service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, including other institutions of higher education in the Austin area**

Elena Diaz noted highlights in the Memorandum of Understanding. The expenditure had been included in the budget that was approved for 2021. Ms. Diaz would prepare the second \$10,000 payment.

President Hamilton created a Scholarship committee. Members appointed were: Ed Seidenberg, Carla James, Dona Medlock, Eliza May, and Elena Dias.

## **Possible Action – Engagement of Auditor for Financial Audit of 2020 Fiscal Year as Required by Bylaws of the Association**

Upon motion by Carla James and second by Denice Bettencourt, the board agreed to engage the services of a Certified Public Accountant to complete the audit.

## **Discussion and Planning – Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2021 virtual annual membership meeting would be Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Ideas and options for an agenda and format were discussed.

## **Other Issues for the Good of the Order**

## **Adjourn**

Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Denice Bettencourt, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:37 p.m.