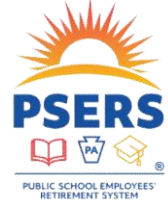


March 21, 2024 PSERB Benefits and Appeals Committee Meeting



PSERS Board Room 5 North 5th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 and via MS Teams [Sunshine]

Chair Ms. Ann Monaghan
Vice Chair Mr. Brian Reiser
Cmt. Member Dr. Pamela Brown
Cmt. Member Rep. Torren Ecker
Cmt. Member Sen. Katie Muth
Committee Liaison Jennifer Mills
Board Secretary Terrill J. Sanchez

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee met on March 21, 2024 virtually and in-person at 5 North 5th Street in Harrisburg, PA. Chair Ann Monaghan called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M. Terrill Sanchez took roll call and confirmed Committee quorum.

Committee Member Attendance:

Chair Ann Monaghan In Person
Vice Chair Brian Reiser In Person
Dr. Pamela Brown In Person
Rep. Torren Ecker Virtual
Jeffrey Cavanaugh for Sen. Katie Muth Virtual

Additional Board Designee Attendance:

Jason Davis In Person	Michael Heckmann Virtual
Eric DiTullio Virtual (in at 12:36)	Veronica Hoof In Person
Susan Lemmo In Person	Jordan Laslett In Person
Richard Vague In Person	Patrick Lord Virtual
Christopher Craig Virtual	Jill Vecchio Virtual
Lloyd Ebright Virtual	Morgan Wagner In Person

2. **Approval of Published Agenda or Requested Amendments**

Brian Reiser moved to approve the published agenda with Dr. Pamela Brown seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of January 19, 2024 Minutes**

Dr. Pamela Brown moved to approve the minutes with Brian Reiser seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**

Terrill Sanchez confirmed there was no request for public comment.

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Benefits and Appeals Committee 2024 Work Plan**

Jennifer Mills, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Defined Contribution Investments, presented the Benefits and Appeals Committee 2024 Work Plan.

Ann Monaghan moved the following:

MOTION: The Benefits and Appeals Committee of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") moves to recommend that the Board approve the Benefits and Appeals Committee Work Plan for 2024, located at Agenda Item 5.1.1 in Diligent, to be used as a guide in the development of agendas.

Dr. Pamela Brown seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 12:38 P.M., Dr. Pamela Brown moved to enter **Executive Session** with Brian Reiser seconding, to discuss the CEM Benchmarking Inc. for Pension Administration Benchmarking Subscription Services, and Adjudications. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board resumed public session at 1:24 P.M.

5.2 CEM Benchmarking Contract

Brian Reiser moved the following:

MOTION: The Benefits and Appeals Committee of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") moves to recommend that the Board engages CEM Benchmarking Inc. for Pension Administration Benchmarking Subscription Services at a base cost of \$177,000 for a three-year term.

The final terms and conditions of the contract are subject to legal due diligence and must be satisfactory to the Deputy Executive Director and Director of Defined Contribution Investments, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing contract.

Dr. Pamela Brown seconded.

The motion passed with one (1) abstention being Jeffrey Cavanaugh for Sen. Katie Muth.

5.3 Adjudications

5.3.1 Account of Hofknecht [Docket No. 2021-18]

Dr. Pamela Brown moved the following:

MOTION: In the matter of Allen M. Hofknecht (Deceased) under claim of Thomas Hofknecht, Docket No. 2021-18, the Benefits and Appeals Committee of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") moves to recommend that the Board adopt the proposed Opinion and Order of the Board and dismiss Claimant's appeal with prejudice.

Brian Reiser seconded.

The motion passed with one (1) opposed being Rep. Torren Ecker, and one (1) abstention being Jeffrey Cavanaugh for Sen. Katie Muth.

5.3.2 Account of Capizzi [Docket No. 2020-07]

Dr. Pamela Brown moved the following:

MOTION: In the matter of Deborah K. Capizzi (Deceased) under claim of Thomas Capizzi, Docket No. 2020-07, the Benefits and Appeals Committee of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") moves to recommend that the Board adopt the Opinion and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and dismiss Claimant's appeal with prejudice.

Brian Reiser seconded.

The motion passed with one (1) abstention being Jeffrey Cavanaugh for Sen. Katie Muth.

5.4 **Executive Staff Review Committee (ESRC) Minutes**

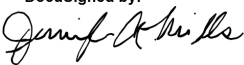
The Committee reviewed the minutes of the ESRC reports for December 4, 2023, February 1, 2024, and February 27, 2024.

6. **Next Meeting Agenda Items**


The Committee had no recommendations for agenda items to add to the next Committee Meeting.

7. **Motion to Adjourn**

At 1:27 P.M., Brian Reiser moved to adjourn with Dr. Pamela Brown seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

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