October 24, 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 October 24, 2024 virtually and in-person at PSERS located at 5 North 5th Street in Harrisburg, PA. Chair Ann Monaghan called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M. Jennifer Mills, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Defined Contribution Investments, took roll call and confirmed Committee quorum.

Committee Member Attendance:

Chair Ann Monaghan, Virtual Vice Chair Brian Reiser, In Person Dr. Pamela Brown, Virtual Jill Vecchio for Rep. Torren Ecker, Virtual Sen. Katie Muth, Virtual (in at 11:33)

Additional Board and Designee Attendance:

Jason Davis, In Person Eric DiTullio, Virtual Susan Lemmo, In Person Richard Vague, In Person Kevin Busher, Virtual Jeffrey Cavanaugh, Virtual Christopher Craig, Virtual Michael Heckmann, Virtual Veronica Hoof, In Person Eric Pistilli, In Person Morgan Wagner, Virtual

2. Approval of Published Agenda or Requested Amendments

Ann Monaghan moved to approve the published agenda with Brian Reiser seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of August 15, 2024 Minutes

Ann Monaghan moved to approve the minutes with Dr. Pamela Brown seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Jennifer Mills confirmed there was no request for public comment.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1 Vital Signs Discussion

Jennifer Mills provided an update on the Benefits and Appeals Committee Vital Signs.

Ann Monaghan moved the following:

The Benefits and Appeals Committee of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") moves to recommend that the Board adopt the following vital signs and metrics for member services:

- Retirements Processed
- Refunds Processed
- Non-Exception Retirement Estimates
- Average Call Handle Time
- Average Secure Messaging Response Time
- Average Member Call Abandonment Rate

Dr. Pamela Brown seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

6.1 Executive Staff Review Committee (ESRC) Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the ESRC reports for July 31, 2024, and September 27, 2024.

6.2 **2024-05 Board Inquiry Update**

Jennifer Mills provided an update on the 2024-05 Board inquiry.

6.3 Adjudications

- 6.3.1 Account of Patterson [Docket No. 2021-16]
- 6.3.2 Account of Fuhrman [Docket No. 2022-16]
- 6.3.3 Account of Wright [Docket No. 2020-05]

At 11:39 A.M., The Committee entered **Executive Session**, to consult with counsel on the Adjudications.

The Committee resumed public session at 12:08 P.M.

Ann Monaghan moved the following:

In the matter of Annette Patterson Docket No. 2021-16, 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.

Dr. Pamela Brown seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ann Monaghan moved the following:

In the matter of Patrick Fuhrman Docket No. 2022-16, 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 unanimously.

Ann Monaghan moved the following:

In the matter of Ellen Wright Docket No. 2020-05, 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.

Dr. Pamela Brown seconded.

The motion passed with one (1) opposed being Sen. Katie Muth.

7. Next Meeting Agenda Items

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

8. Adjournment

Without objection, Ann Monaghan adjourned the Committee meeting at 12:11 P.M.

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