PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD EDUCATION SESSION AND MEETING MINUTES FOR

Thursday, June 21, 2018

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June 21, 2018 Education Session

The Retirement Board Education Session of the Public Employees' Retirement Board meeting was called to order by Chair Vincent at 10:11 a.m., June 21, 2018, in the PERS' Board Room, 693 W. Nye Lane, Carson City. Members present: Mark Vincent, Katherine Ong, Scott Gorgon, Yolanda King, and Timothy Ross. Members absent: Lee-Ann Easton and Brian Wallace.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments offered.

2. EDUCATION TOPIC

2.1 Staff, Julia Bonafede of Jobs Peak Advisors, and Julia Moriarty and Jay Kloepfer of Callan provided a review and discussion of asset allocation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments offered.

4. RECESS

Chair Vincent recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

June 21, 2018 Board Meeting

The Retirement Board meeting of the Public Employees' Retirement Board was called to order by Chair Vincent at 12:35 p.m., on June 21, 2018, in the PERS' Board Room, 693 W. Nye Lane, Carson City. Members present: Mark Vincent, Katherine Ong, Scott Gorgon, Yolanda King, and Timothy Ross. Members absent: Lee-Ann Easton and Brian Wallace.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments offered.

2. DISABILITIES

- 2.1 On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to:
 - 1. Approve permanent and total disability retirement for: Myron Branning, Rick Cross, Georgette Funches, Leslie Funches, Kerry Goodgame, Patricia Hastings, Marquis Johnson, Sherri Nienas, Pamela Pollard, Tamara Powell, Crystal Sandoval, and Stacy Twigg.
 - 2. Approve reemployment requests by disability recipients: Jesus Arevalo, Darcy Ashley, Claudia Garcia-McIntosh, Joseph Giannone, James Goddard, Justine Marketti, John Murdoch IV, Marialuz Rodriguez-Flores, and Milorad Vuksanovic.
 - 3. Deny reemployment requests for disability recipients: Mary Hill and Leanna Lehman.

3. INVESTMENTS

- 3.1 Staff presented amendments to the PERS' Investment Objectives and Policies. On motion of Scott Gorgon, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the Investment Objectives and Policies, PERS' Fund, as submitted.
- 3.2 Staff highlighted the proposed modifications to the Interim Investment Directives for the PERS' Fund. On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the Interim Investment Directives for the PERS', Legislators', and Judicial Funds, as submitted.

4. BOARD

- 4.1 On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted 4 yeas and 1 abstention to approve the minutes of the Retirement Board Education Session and Retirement Board meeting held May 17, 2018, as submitted. Yolanda King abstained from voting on this item.
- 4.2 There were no recommended changes to the Retirement Board meeting dates.
- 4.3 There were no recommended changes to the Retirement Board Education Curriculum calendar.

5. <u>ACCOUNTING</u>

5.1 Staff presented the proposed fiscal years 2020-2021 biennial budget for the PERS', Legislators', and Judicial Funds.

6. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>

- 6.1 Staff reviewed the contract renewal with APEX Computing, Inc., for information technology consulting services for the System's main offices for fiscal year 2019. On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the consulting contract with APEX Computing, Inc., for the System's main offices, in an amount not to exceed \$1,186,800.
- 6.2 Staff reviewed the contract renewal with APEX Computing, Inc., for information technology consulting services for the System's disaster recovery site for fiscal year 2019. On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the contract with APEX Computing, Inc., for the System's disaster recovery site, in an amount not to exceed \$217,360.
- 6.3 Staff reviewed the contract with ICON for the data quality and conversion project. On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the contract with ICON to provide planning and execution of the Data Quality Project starting June 22, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$398,640, subject to successful negotiation.
- 6.4 Staff reviewed the contract renewal with Provaliant Retirement LLC for project management services. On motion of Scott Gorgon, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve the contract with Provaliant to provide IT project management services for the planning of the PAS program for the period July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$516,997, subject to successful negotiation.
- 6.5 Staff reviewed the Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund Advisory Committee structure and terms. As of June 30, 2018, Rich Tiran's term on the Committee will expire. To fill his Police Employee Representative position, staff requested nominations and interviewed the candidates and reviewed their nomination letters. On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to appoint Michael Ramirez to a four-year term on the Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund Advisory Committee effective July 1, 2018.

7. RATIFICATION AGENDA

On motion of Kathy Ong, the Retirement Board voted unanimously of those present to approve all items on the Ratification Agenda as recommended by staff:

7.1 Approve the Administrative Fund disbursements.

- 7.2 Approve the personnel action taken since the last report.
- 7.3 Approve the independent contract with Patty Machal for an amount not to exceed \$24,500.
- 7.4 Approve the independent contract with Cindy Yadon for an amount not to exceed \$24,500.
- 7.5 Approve the independent contract with Vickie Peterson for an amount not to exceed \$24,500.
- 7.6 Approve the independent contract with Susan Curtis for an amount not to exceed \$24,500.
- 7.7 Approve the independent contract with Marcia Robinson for an amount not to exceed \$24,500.
- 7.8 Approve the independent contract with James S. Whaley with a total cost not to exceed \$32,400 for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.
- 7.9 Approve the request by Nevada State High School at Sunrise for membership in PERS effective June 1, 2018.
- 7.10 Approve the amendment to contract with APEX Computing, Inc., to complete the Senate Bill 427 (2009) and Senate Bill 406 (2015) system modifications to change the ending date in the existing contract from June 30, 2018, to December 31, 2018.
- 7.11 Approve the Deceased Recipient Review Report for the first quarter of 2018.

8. <u>DENIALS</u>

9. REPORTS

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 10.1 There were no individual statements and/or requests by the members, retired employees and/or the public.
- 10.2 PERS' General Counsel provided an update on pending litigation.

10.3 Administrative Report by Staff:

Executive Officer:

- 1. The Executive Officer mentioned that last week she attended the Directors' Meeting for the National Council on Teacher Retirement. She stated that it was a very good meeting with a lot of actuarial presentations.
- 2. The Executive Officer mentioned that she and the General Counsel would be attending the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys Annual Conference next week.
- 3. The Executive Officer stated that PERS is doing an actuarial second opinion review. She mentioned that PERS sent the request for information to five national actuarial firms.
- The Executive Officer indicated that 4. Chair Vincent has been on the Retirement Board since 2009 and has been Chair since August of 2011. She stated that he has seen the turnover of all the executive staff and directors and has been very supportive of staff. The Executive Officer indicated that his experience and financial knowledge has been invaluable to the Retirement Board and to staff. She mentioned that he is a great person, he has a big heart, and his heart is always in the right place for the PERS members and beneficiaries and people in general. She stated that staff appreciates it and is really sad to see his tenure end. The Executive Officer thanked Chair Vincent for everything. She then presented Chair Vincent with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service to the System.

Operations Officer:

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The Operations Officer stated that Chair Vincent has been really great and she has appreciated working with him.

10.4 Comments or questions from the Retirement Board members:

Mark Vincent:

Chair Vincent stated that he has been asked what it is like being on the PERS Board. He said he has never really thought of this as a job although in many ways it is kind of a job and to him it has been the most fun he has ever had in his life just being up here every month. Chair Vincent indicated he enjoyed learning about the System, the executive team, and the work that staff does. He mentioned the System is worth over \$40 billion and that it is an enormous responsibility and so many people and Nevada rely on us—what we mean to the state as a whole, not just our members and beneficiaries. He stated it has been fun and he wishes he could stay forever but nothing is forever and it is time to move on. He said he has really enjoyed it and it has been a unique pleasure serving with everyone. He thanked everyone very much.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Vincent at 1:44 p.m.

The following is the time schedule for the meeting:

The Retirement Board education session held on June 21, 2018, was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chair Vincent and recessed at 12:01 p.m. The June 21, 2018, Retirement Board meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Chair Vincent and adjourned at 1:44 p.m.