



PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF IDAHO
607 North 8th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF RETIREMENT BOARD

The Board of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho met in-person at 2:30 p.m., January 10, 2023. The following members were present:

Jeff Cilek
Joy Fisher
Darin DeAngeli
Park Price
Celia Gould

Executive Director Don Drum, Deputy Director Michael Hampton, Deputy Attorney General Cheryl George, Chief Investment Officer Richelle Sugiyama, and Management Assistant Eliza Storms were also in attendance.

Along with members of the public, some PERSI staff, and other persons attending all or portions of the meeting in person or via zoom were:

Jamie Neill Idaho Governor's Office

At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Cilek called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed the objectives and agenda of the meeting.

Legislative Tracking

Director Drum presented the 2023 Legislation Status Tracker that will be utilized by staff to keep the Board apprised of proposed legislation that may impact PERSI. Director Drum briefly discussed three potential pieces of legislation that may be brought forward during the 2023 Legislation Session: Rule of 80 bill to add job titles, possible new Return to Work for Rule of 80 members, and an Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) bill.

Director Drum also informed the Board of the CEC Committee Meeting cancellation. It was rescheduled for Wednesday, January 18. He let the Board know he will deliver an introduction to PERSI presentation for the Senate Commerce & Human Resource Committee on Thursday, January 12.

Charter School PERSI Eligibility

Deputy Director Hampton provided an update on possible issues with future charter schools closures. He explained that other state systems were experiencing issues with charter schools closures and the impact of unfunded liability. Mr. Hampton discussed Idaho Code 59-1321, 59-1302 (15), and 59-1308 (6) with the Board. He explained the difference between a school district closure versus a charter school closure, and briefly discussed unfunded liability and bonding.

Director Drum asked for guidance from the Board on how to move forward with possible future charter school closures. The Board recommended reaching out to a bonding company, the Charter School Commission, Idaho Education Association (IEA), and possibly looking into providing education on withdrawal termination penalties when entering PERSI. Mr. Hampton informed the Board that PERSI staff has started communication with the Charter School Commission.

PERSI staff will reach out as recommended by the Board and will provide updates a future Board Meeting.

Rule of 80

Director Drum provided an update on a draft return to work bill for Rule of 80 members. The Police Chiefs, Federation of Police, and Firefighters are working together on the current draft. The draft bill is contemplating adjusting the eligibility date passed in previous legislation, providing a return to work option for Rule of 80 members, and adjusting break in service requirements for Rule of 80 members from a 90-day period to a 30-day period. Director Drum explained how the changes could impact PERSI and the possible risks to members. He informed the Board he is in contact with the appropriate personnel and will update the Board as more information is provided.

The Board welcomed Jamie Neill from the Governor's Office. Mr. Neill introduced himself to the Board, and stated he was excited to learn about PERSI. He made himself available for any questions the Board or PERSI staff may have at any time.


Executive Session: At 3:40 p.m. Chairman Cilek stated the Board intended to move to executive session in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f).

Trustee Price made a motion to go into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Trustee Fisher seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote.

Upon conclusion of the executive session, Trustee Fisher made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Price seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Session: The Board returned to regular session at 4:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.


Donald Drum
Executive Director
Date 2/22/23


Jeff Cilek
Chairman
Date 2-22-23