

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title	Louisiana State Police Retirement System Board Meeting
Date of Meeting	June 24, 2020
Where	Louisiana State Police Headquarters, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, Classrooms A & B
Start Time	1:30 p.m.

1) Chairman, Frank Besson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Byron Juneau.

2) Wendy Ingram, Administrative Assistant, called roll as follows:

Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, Appearing Through
Andrea Hubbard, Designee for DOA Commissioner, PRESENT
Representative Lance Harris, NOT PRESENT
Byron Juneau, President, Central State Troopers Coalition, PRESENT
Kevin Marcel, Active Representative, Vice-Chairman, PRESENT
Senator Ed Price, Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee, NOT PRESENT
Doris Prudhomme, Surviving Spouse Representative, PRESENT
Jay O'Quinn, LSTA President, PRESENT
Colonel Kevin Reeves, Superintendent, Office of State Police, Appearing Through
Frank Besson, Designee for Superintendent, PRESENT
Treasurer John Schroder Appearing Through
Amy Mathews, Designee for State Treasurer, PRESENT
Baxter Welch, Retiree Representative, NOT PRESENT
Hackley Willis, Jr., Active/Retired Representative, PRESENT

The records reflect that the following persons were also present:

Denise Akers, Akers & Wisbar	Claire Guidry, Retirement Benefits Analyst
Racheal Alvey, Griffin & Co., LLC	Wendy Ingram Administrative Assistant
Greg Curran, Actuary	Robin Landa, UBS/Paine Webber
Kimberly A. Gann, Assistant Director	Kevin P. Reed, Executive Director
Dean Coates, Trooper	

3) Kimberly Gann welcomed Ms. Doris Prudhomme back as the re-elected Surviving Spouse Representative. She directed the board to view the election results which states that Ms. Prudhomme's term will end on June 30, 2025 (**See Exhibit A-Attached**).

4) A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy Mathews. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit B-Attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Mathews to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, noting that this approval will ratify the decision to grant authority to LSPRS Administrative Staff as noted in the attached exhibit. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit C-Attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Mathews to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2020 Investment Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrea Hubbard. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit D-Attached**).

- 5) Robin Landa, UBS/PaineWebber, presented the Board with the flash report and asset allocation as of May 31, 2020. Ms. Landa reported that LSPRS had a total market value of \$873,580,773 as of May 31, 2020. She noted that May was a very strong month with a monthly domestic equity return of 6.42% and a total LSPRS portfolio's return of 3.68%. The fiscal year to date return is -0.82%, giving LSPRS a return of 7.26% since inception. The Board accepted the report (**See Exhibit E-Attached**).

Kevin P. Reed provided information regarding visualizing interest rates throughout history stating that interest rates have declined since the 1980's, and with the Fed's response to COVID-19, interest rates have plummeted to historically low levels. Mr. Reed also provided updated information regarding the Loomis Sayles – Fund Migration to the Loomis NHIT MSFD Trust fund noting the yearly saving of approximately \$250,000 due to the reduction in fees. While we had temporarily postponed the purchase of the Loomis NHIT MSFD Trust fund due to the recent financial markets' volatility, with the intent to move forward with its acquisition we are proceeding with the review of the associated agreements. (**See Exhibit F-Attached**)

Gregory Curran lead the discussion regarding the system's Valuation Interest Rate including information showing how a change in the rate will directly impact the employer contribution rate. Kevin Reed advised the board that no decision is needed at this time, but he asked that they continue thinking about it until the next meeting. Mr. Curran advised that he needs a decision by the board's August 2020 meeting if the intention is to lower the valuation rate this current fiscal year. (**See Exhibit G-Attached**)

- 6) Racheal Alvey, Griffin & Co., LLC, reviewed the Cash Disbursements for the month ending April 30, 2020 and May 30, 2020. Ms. Alvey then presented the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Budget Summary as of May 31, 2020 (**See Exhibit H-Attached**). A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcell to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed.
- 7) The board welcomed Trooper Dean Coates to present information regarding his request for the opportunity to purchase an accrual upgrade on his service previously transferred.

A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcell to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Byron Juneau to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcell. No opposition. The motion passed.

Denise Akers advised Mr. Coates that the board is willing to seek legislation, which would benefit Mr. Coates as well as other members of LSPRS by allowing the purchase of a higher accrual rate after a transfer is completed, during the next (Fall 2020) legislative session. Mr. Coates expressed his appreciation of the board's concern in this matter. Ms. Akers proposed the board move to instruct their general counsel and the executive director to propose a bill that allows members to purchase transfer time at a higher accrual rate. A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve Denise Akers' recommendation for the board to move to instruct its director and general counsel to

work towards finding a legislative sponsor and to draft legislation as presented to the board (**See Exhibit I-Attached**) allowing its members who have transferred service credit from one system with a lower accrual rate to be able to purchase the upgrade of that accrual rate. This purchase, under the proposed legislation, will allow the purchase of all or a portion of the transferred service to the higher accrual rate. The motion was seconded by Jay O'Quinn. No opposition. The motion passed.

- 8) Kevin Reed discussed the current working environment during COVID-19 stating there were 36 retirement estimates performed remotely while following social distancing/quarantine guidelines. The LSPRS staff has successfully completed fourteen (14) retirement meetings as of June 24, 2020, using voice and video conferencing methods. The LSPRS staff continues to respond to incoming phone calls, voice messages and e-mails daily while working remotely and in the office. Mr. Reed stated that the staff is continuing to hold ZOOM video conferences twice daily to stay abreast of work-related matters and to remain connected to each other. He noted that he and the Assistant Director, Kimberly Gann are working an alternating flex schedule as to reduce the probability of cross-contamination.
- 9) A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcell to approve the Retirement/DROP and Elimination/Awarding Benefits to Spouse Children Benefits Change Report (**See Exhibit J-Attached**), in globo. The motion was seconded by Byron Juneau. No opposition. The motion passed.
- 10) Any Other Business:
- Kimberly Gann reviewed the LSPRS Training Report (**See Exhibit K-Attached**) and asked the board to notify staff of any new information that should to be added to the report. Mrs. Gann added that the LAPERS conference scheduled for September 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 related social distancing issues. She also stated that, as of today, the LATEC conference is still scheduled for Spring 2021. LAPERS will be developing educational videos so that trustees can obtain the one hour in each category necessary to have voting privileges. She reminded everyone that the reporting year is from September 1st through August 31st each year.
- 11) A **MOTION** was made by Amy Mathews to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed.



Frank Besson, Chairman
Louisiana State Police Retirement System
Board of Trustees