

**PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2008

I. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM

The April meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of the City of St. Louis (PSRSSTL) was called to order at 4:40 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2008. The meeting was conducted in the 2nd floor boardroom of the PSRSSTL office building located at 3641 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Paulette McKinney, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, was the presiding officer.

Roll Call was taken and Trustees Joseph Clark, Katie Lamb, Helen Lynch, Katha McKinney, Paulette McKinney and Cynthia Warren were in attendance. Trustee Christina Bennett was present by telephone. The Board of Trustees had a quorum at the meeting. Trustees Byron Clemens and Thaha Menkara joined the meeting in progress. Trustees Veronica O'Brien and Rick Sullivan were absent.

Executive Director, Andrew Clark, Accounting Specialist, Terry Mayes, Insurance Benefits Specialist, Beverly Wessels, PSRSSTL Investment Consultant, Doris Ewing, PSRSSTL Attorney, Jeff Hartnett, PSRSSTL Actuary, Jim Rubie, PSRSSTL Health Insurance Consultant, Patrick Haraden, and a variety of interested parties were also present for the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Helen Lynch made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of February 25, 2008.

A roll call vote was taken.

Christina Bennett	Yes	Joseph Clark	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes
Cynthia Warren	Yes				

With seven yes votes, motion carried.

III. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Active teacher member Paul April read a proposal to the Board of Trustees regarding a change to the eligibility requirements for retirement. Retired teacher Mary Anne O'Reilly asked a question regarding a COLA. Retired member Erma Nevels read a memo regarding the health insurance subsidy. The Executive Director will respond in writing to the interested parties.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Helen Lynch made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve the Retirements and Benefits of February and March 2008.

A roll call vote was taken.

Christina Bennett	Yes	Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes
Katie Lamb	Yes	Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes
Paulette McKinney	Yes	Cynthia Warren	Yes		

With eight yes votes, motion carried.

Christina Bennett made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve the Refunds and Bills of February and March 2008.

A roll call vote was taken.

Christina Bennett	Yes	Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes
Katie Lamb	Yes	Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes
Paulette McKinney	Yes	Cynthia Warren	Yes		

With eight yes votes, motion carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item inadvertently skipped and followed the Report of the Executive Director.

Joe Clark made a second reading of a proposed rule change to Chapter A., Rule X. Election of Trustees and Procedures for Elections, Section 10, as follows:

“If no candidate or only one candidate properly registers for the position of trustee prior to the deadline for candidates to register for any election of a trustee, the registration process shall be reopened and the Election Commissioner shall mail another notice of the election of a trustee establishing a new registration deadline for the registration of candidates, which shall be two weeks after the date of mailing of such new notice, or if such date is a legal holiday, on the following business day. If after the aforementioned notice and registration there is only one candidate, then the election shall proceed with only one candidate.”

There was discussion for clarification and Trustee Helen Lynch suggested that the words only one be underlined as part of the rule change.

Joe Clark made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to accept the proposed rule change as read with a modification to underline the words only one.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	No	Katie Lamb	No
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes
Thah Menkara	Abstain	Cynthia Warren	Yes		

With five yes votes, two no votes and one abstention, motion failed.

Katie Lamb made a second reading of a proposed rule change to Chapter A., Rule X. Election of Trustees and Procedures for Elections, Section 10, as follows:

“If no candidate or only one candidate properly registers for the position of trustee prior to the deadline for candidates to register for any election of a trustee, the registration process shall be reopened. The Election

Commissioner shall mail another notice of the election of a trustee establishing a new deadline for the registration of candidates, which shall be two weeks after the date of mailing of such new notice, or if such date is a legal holiday, on the following business day. If only one candidate properly registers for the position of trustee prior to the new deadline for the registration of candidates after the mailing of a third notice of the election, the election shall proceed with only one candidate.”

Byron Clemens made a motion, seconded by Katie Lamb, to accept the proposed rule change as read.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	No	Byron Clemens	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	No	Paulette McKinney	No
Thah Menkara	No	Cynthia Warren	No		

With three yes votes and five no votes, motion failed.

VII. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson honored Trustee Marlene Davis whose term ended December 31, 2007, by presenting a plaque to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Davis was not present at the meeting.

VIII. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director reported on the retirement system’s Fiduciary Liability and Crime Insurance renewal through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. from a Memorandum to the Board of Trustees. The Executive Director recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the renewal as presented.

Byron Clemens made a motion, seconded by Helen Lynch, to accept the renewal of the fiduciary liability and crime insurance with Travelers and RLI as presented by the Executive Director.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes
Thah Menkara	Yes	Cynthia Warren	Yes		

With eight yes votes, motion carried.

The Executive Director continued the report by referring the Board of Trustees to a binder of logos and letterhead, reporting on building leasing agent activity and reporting on the status of the 2007 Annual Audit of the Financial Statements for the Retirement System.

The Executive Director introduced the Insurance Benefits Specialist and the Health Insurance Consultant, Patrick Haraden, whom made a report on the status of the current health insurance and strategies for renewal of the medical, dental and vision insurance, offered to retirees by the Retirement System. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees.

IX. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

The PSRSSTL Investment Consultant, Doris Ewing, reported on the status of the fixed income money manager search by presenting performance numbers for the finalists through March 2008. The Investment Consultant reported on the pending litigation for Ernest Partners by presenting a letter from the CEO of the firm. The Investment Consultant reported on the benchmark used by PSRSSTL Hedge Fund money manager Mariner Select. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees. The Investment Consultant concluded by reminding the Board of Trustees of the upcoming NEPC client conference.

X. REPORT OF THE ACTUARY

The Actuary reported on funding ratios for other Missouri state retirement systems, including the PSRSSTL. There was discussion on COLAs and funding ratios.

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Chairperson asked for reports from the Chairs of the various committees of the Board of Trustees.

Benefits Committee

None

Budget Committee

None

Investment Committee

Joe Clark, Chair of the Investment Committee, made a brief report on the Investment Committee Meetings of March 6 and 27, 2008.

Personnel & Professional Committee

Katha McKinney, Chair of the Personnel & Professional Committee, reported on staff training, the Trustee retreat and Trustee education.

Rules & Regulations Committee

Katie Lamb, Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, reminded the Board of Trustees of a meeting on April 24, 2008.

Trustee Travel Commission

There was discussion by Thaha Menkara and Byron Clemens, Co-Chairs of the Trustee Travel Commission, about the need for a future meeting.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

The Chairperson requested the Board of Trustees entertain a motion to move into Executive Session.

Katha McKinney made a motion, seconded by Katie Lamb, to move into Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes
Thah Menkara	Yes	Cynthia Warren	Yes		

With eight yes votes, motion carried, and the meeting moved into closed session.

Helen Lynch made a motion, seconded by Katie Lamb, to move out of Executive Session.

By voice vote, motion carried, and the meeting moved into open session.

Byron Clemens made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to bring forward and accept the recommendation made in Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes

With six yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Clark made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve Trustee travel to the NEPC client conference.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Byron Clemens	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Helen Lynch	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes

With six yes votes, motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Helen Lynch made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to adjourn the meeting.

By voice vote, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attachments:

- Proposal from Paul April received April 21, 2008, with response
- Question from Mary Ann O'Reilly dated April 21, 2008, with response
- Memo from Erma Nevels dated April 21, 2008, with response
- Retirements, Refunds & Bills Paid February and March 2008
- Memos to the Board of Trustees from the Executive Director dated April 21, 2008