

**PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2007

I. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM

The June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of the City of St. Louis (PSRSSTL) was called to order at 4:35 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2007. The meeting was conducted in the PSRSSTL offices. Paulette McKinney, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, was the presiding officer.

Roll Call was taken and Trustees Joseph Clark, Marlene Davis, Katie Lamb, Katha McKinney, Paulette McKinney and Lois Jean Turner were present. The Board of Trustees had a quorum at the meeting. Trustees Christina Bennett, Louis Cross and Veronica O'Brien joined the meeting in progress. Trustees Donald Glenn and Cynthia Warren were absent.

Executive Director, Andrew Clark, PSRSSTL Attorney, Jeff Hartnett, PSRSSTL Actuary, Jim Rubie, and a large number of interested parties were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Marlene Davis made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of April 16, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Marlene Davis	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes	Lois Jean Turner	Yes

With six yes votes, motion carried.

Katha McKinney made a motion, seconded by Marlene Davis, to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting of June 4, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken.

Joseph Clark	Yes	Marlene Davis	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes
Katha McKinney	Yes	Paulette McKinney	Yes	Lois Jean Turner	Yes

With six yes votes, motion carried.

III. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no new readings. There was extended conversation about a past communication from Erma Nevels and the response from the Executive Director concerning the use of PSRSSTL office space for meetings by parties other than staff or the Board of Trustees. The Chairperson referred the issue to the Rules & Regulations Committee.

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY INTERESTED PARTIES

Retiree C. Rowe-Uddin spoke about her concerns with COLAs, investments, using PSRSSTL office space for meetings by third parties, the building and meeting notices. The Chairperson cautioned the presenter to not engage

in dialogue with the Board of Trustees and ended the presentation. The Chairperson asked the presenter to put her concerns in writing to the attention of the Executive Director. Retiree Erma Nevels read a letter to the Board of Trustees about using office space in the Retirement System building for meetings.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Lois Jean Turner made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to approve the Retirements and Benefits of April and May 2007.

A roll call vote was taken.

Christina Bennett	Yes	Joseph Clark	Yes	Louis Cross	Yes
Marlene Davis	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes
Paulette McKinney	Yes	Veronica O'Brien	Yes	Lois Jean Turner	Yes

With nine yes votes, motion carried.

Lois Jean Turner made a motion, seconded by Christina Bennett, to approve the Refunds and Bills of April and May 2007.

Christina Bennett	Yes	Joseph Clark	Yes	Louis Cross	Yes
Marlene Davis	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes
Paulette McKinney	Yes	Veronica O'Brien	Yes	Lois Jean Turner	Yes

With nine yes votes, motion carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lois Jean Turner discussed the health insurance subsidy for retirees and the cost of \$6 million for a \$20 increase in the subsidy. Trustee Turner referred to a letter from a retiree that was written back in 2001. Trustee Clark referred to a conversation before the meeting between the Executive Director and Trustee Turner regarding the COLA for 2007. The Executive Director stated that the COLA would be covered in the Report of the Executive Director. The Chairperson supported this statement by asking Trustee Clark to adhere to the agenda for the meeting.

VII. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson attempted to clarify with the audience that Board of Trustees are not paid a salary based on a comment made by Ms. Rowe-Uddin earlier in the meeting. There were a number of side conversations in the audience and the Chairperson cautioned the audience to be quiet. A large disruption from the audience ensued. The Chairperson stated that the meeting was out of order.

VIII. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director reported on the open house for the new building and the Retreat of the Board of Trustees by referring to a memo from the Executive Director to the Board of Trustees dated June 15, 2007. The retreat was attended by Trustees Christina Bennett, Cynthia Warren, Donald Glenn, Katha McKinney, Katie Lamb, Louis Cross, Marlene Davis, and the Executive Director. The retreat was facilitated by Dr. Michael Woods and Ms. Yvette Clinton-Gilleyden of Educational Consultants, Inc.

The Executive Director reported on upcoming pre-approved travel for the Trustees and the Executive Director. Trustees Katha McKinney, Paulette McKinney, Lois Jean Turner and Cynthia Warren will be attending a conference sponsored by the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) in New York, New York from June 26 – June 30. The Executive Director will be attending the annual Director’s meeting sponsored by the National Council on Teachers Retirement (NCTR) from June 19 – June 22 in Keystone, Colorado. Trustees Katha McKinney and Cynthia Warren will be attending a conference sponsored by the Missouri Association of Public Employees Retirement Systems (MAPERS) from July 10 – July 13 in Osage Beach, Missouri.

The Executive Director announced that the Letter of Engagement was signed with Longfellow Benefits for Group Health Insurance Consulting Services on June 13, 2007.

The Executive Director informed the Trustees that the Board of Education has not responded to two written requests for approval of a COLA for 2007. Ms. O’Brien and the Chairperson asked the Executive Director to forward copies of the requests to the Transitional Board of SLPS. Trustee Clark and Trustee Turner expressed concern over simply billing SLPS for the amount of contributions without a COLA, and over the effective date of a COLA of July 1, 2007. The Executive Director stated that the SLPS and other employers are required by law to pay at a minimum the cost of employer contributions without a COLA by December 31, 2007.

The Executive Director reported that the last RFP for auditing services was performed six years ago and that it would be prudent to send out an RFP for these services in the near future. The Executive Director stated that he will work closely with the Attorney on the issuance of the RFP. Ms. Turner proposed that RFPs be sent out for all consulting services.

Trustee Turner asked about the cost of the Retreat of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Director responded by stating that the bills for the cost of the retreat should appear in the next board packet.

Trustee Clark, the Chairperson and Trustee Bennett discussed the written report of the Executive Director. There was an outburst in the audience and the Chairperson cautioned the audience to be quiet. Louis Cross made a motion, seconded by Katha McKinney, to move into Executive Session. The Chairperson asked the Attorney “how to” bring the meeting to order. The Attorney stated that it is an open meeting and suggested that the Chairperson continue the meeting in open session. Trustees Cross and McKinney rescinded the motion to move into Executive Session.

IX. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

None

X. REPORT OF THE ACTUARY

Trustee Turner asked the Actuary about the engagement letter between J.P. Morgan and the retirement system, and why it has taken so long. The Actuary informed the Board of Trustees that the letter has been sent to the Attorney for review and that the process has been slow with J.P. Morgan because there has been a lot of documentation to review by J.P. Morgan since the merger.

Trustee Turner discussed the cost of the health insurance subsidy relative to the expense and contingency fund. The Actuary and Trustee Turner discussed the issue further. Christina Bennett suggested that the issue be moved to the committee level. The Chairperson asked Trustee Turner to direct her questions to the Benefits Committee.

XI. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

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

Benefits Committee

None

Budget Committee

Christina Bennett, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that the committee would be meet in the fall and that all Trustees are welcome to serve.

Investment Committee

Marlene Davis, Chair of the Investment Committee, reported on the Investment Committee meeting of May 17, 2007. The Chair reported on the 2007 First Quarter Investment Summary Report, the offer by the Investment Consultant to write an article on the investment history of the retirement system, and the need for more Trustee training. The Chair announced the next Investment Committee at 3:00 p.m. on June 21, 2007.

Personnel & Professional Committee

The Chairperson reported on the meeting of June 4, 2007.

Rules & Regulations Committee

None

Trustee Travel Commission

Katha McKinney, Chair of the Trustee Travel Commission, reported on the board retreat, future pre-approved Trustee travel and Trustee expense reports. The Chair asked the Trustees to submit expense reports within 30 days of travel to conferences. The Chair announced that she will be attending a meeting sponsored by the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR) where she sits on the Resolution Committee and that all expenses are paid by NCTR. The Board of Trustees congratulated Ms. McKinney on her appointment to the Resolution Committee.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Turner made a motion, seconded by Joe Clark, to send out RFPs for all professional advisors including the actuary, the auditor, the attorney and the investment consultant.

Christina Bennett	No	Joseph Clark	Yes	Louis Cross	Yes
Marlene Davis	Yes	Katie Lamb	Yes	Katha McKinney	Yes
Paulette McKinney	No	Veronica O'Brien	Yes	Lois Jean Turner	Yes

With seven yes votes, and two no votes, motion carried.

There was discussion about Trustee Cross' retirement and the need to appoint a new Chair of the Benefits Committee.

XIII. REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Lois Jean Turner made a motion, seconded by Katie Lamb, to adjourn the meeting.

By voice vote, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attachments:

Document from Erma Nevels dated June 14, 2000, with response
Retirements, Refunds & Bills Paid April and May 2007

Memo to the Board of Trustees from the Executive Director dated June 15, 2007

Letter to the Transitional Board of Education regarding employer contributions for 2007 dated July 2, 2007