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MINUTES OF THE STATE PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL 4/8/08

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. in the Board room on the 2nd floor of the McArdle Building, 860 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 1, Dover, DE.
2. Members present:

Nancy Patterson	DNG
Larry Tally	DSTA
Mary Pat Urbanik	UDSSA
Joe Vrudny	DRSPA
Jim Testerman	DSEA
3. Members absent:

Joseph Malloy	IAF
Charlotte Lister	At Large
Brian Douty	FOP, State Lodge
Geraldine Gillespie	DSFSA
Edward Seibert	DASA
4. Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.
5. Approval of the Minutes. Although Larry Talley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Nancy Patterson, the minutes could not really be approved because we lacked a quorum.
6. Announcements and correspondence. Jim Testerman announced that he had testified before the Joint Finance Committee in regard to our Legislative Goals. He received a friendly reception with the feeling that we would get a raise if at all possible.

7. From Pension Board meetings.

January –

Total assets in the Trust Fund were \$7.487 billion with a minus .3% for the month of December, but with 2.5% for the FY to date and 9.2% for the 12 months. Large losses were reported for part of January. The Pension Office made out well on the budget with 4 new positions and \$1.8 million for a computer system. The JFC Budget Hearing for the Pension Office was January 29th at 10:00 a.m.

February –

Northern Trust (the custodial bank) made a presentation on the economic outlook. Not to bright.

The Trust Fund was reported at \$7.223 billion with a 3.4% loss in January. The Board passed a resolution regarding Sudan and Dufor. Some people want the Board to stop investments with about 200 countries that do business in these countries. The Board resolution opposed this. David Craik reported staff vacancies.

I asked the Board to look into making the death benefit payment through insurance with the pension fund paying the premium. This would make the benefit tax-free to the beneficiary.

March –

The Trust Fund was reported at \$7.2 billion with a negative 4.1% for the quarter. Still have 3% positive for the year.

Dave reported that a new call system was in the budget. He reported that SB209 has been introduced to increase the death benefit due to the fact that it is now taxable and he reported that an RFP was going out regarding burial insurance by the Budget Office. The closed State Police Pension Plan members want 1% more for each year over 20.

8. Legislation. It appears unlikely that we will get anything this year due to the lack of state revenue. There was some discussion of removing the penalty for early retirement. Larry is doing some work on this but this is probably not the time to pursue this matter.
9. Adjournment. The agenda being complete, the chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Testerman, Chairman