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MINUTES OF THE STATE PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL – April 8, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the McArdle Building, Suite 1, 860 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904.

2. **Members present:**

Joseph Malloy	WFD IAFF 1590
Janice Vander Decker	DSNA
Nancy Patterson	DNG
Charlotte Lister	At Large
Edward Seibert	DASA
David Taylor	DRSPA
James Harrison	DSEA

3. **Members absent:**

Mark Ryde	DSTA
Robert Jameson	FOP State Lodge
Jim Testerman	At Large

4. **Other Present:**

David Craik	State Pension Administrator
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5. **Additions to Agenda**

No additions to the agenda

6. Minutes of the November 12th, 2013 PAC meeting:

Charlotte Lister moved to approve the minutes. David Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Chairmans Report:

Total assets in the Fund grew from \$8,360 million at the end of September to \$8,855 million towards the end of February. The Fund's February return of 3.3% outperformed the Delaware Benchmark return. For the fiscal year to date, the total fund is up 12.0%, 0.7% above the Delaware Benchmark.

Trust Fund Numbers

Total Fund	Month	+/-Del.Bench.	Fiscal		12 Months	+/-Del.Bench.
			Year-To-Date	+/-Del.Bench.		
Sep 2013	2.6%	-0.6%	4.4%	-0.3%	12.3%	1.6%
Oct 2013	2.5%	-0.2%	7.0%	-0.6%	15.3%	1.1%
Nov 2013	1.6%	0.6%	8.5%	-0.2%	16.6%	2.5%
Dec 2013	1.0%	0.1%	9.6%	-0.1%	16.9%	2.6%
Jan 2014	-1.1%	0.5%	8.4%	0.4%	12.2%	2.6%
Feb 2014	3.3%	0.2%	12.0%	0.7%	15.1%	2.7%

8. Old Business:

Joseph Malloy spoke with the JFC during the OMB hearings asking for a PRI increase. He also talked to all members of the JFC individually requesting a PRI for current retirees. The response he received from all members of the JFC was constant. If there are any funds available they will try to implement some type of PRI for pensioners.

Joseph Malloy explained the importance of the pension workshops and wanted to thank the council for attending the workshops.

Charlotte Lister asked for the locations of the workshops. David Craik supplied the dates times and locations of the workshops to all members of the council.

Joseph Malloy commented on the Pension Office trying to coordinate with police agencies to schedule workshops for the County Municipal Police and Fire Pension plan.

The Council discussed HB #137 realignment of survivor benefits for all pensions' plans. Charlotte Lister asked if the 2% and 100% options were new. David Craik stated yes.

The Council discussed HB #279 allowing paramedics into the County Municipal Police and Fire Pension Plan. David Craik informed the Council the bill was out of house committee and placed on the agenda.

The Council discussed HB #213 which establishes medical insurance for retired members of the County Municipal Police and Fire Pension Plans. The bill is still in Committee.

9. New Business:

Charlotte Lister asked if any moneys were going to go to OPEB this year. David Craik informed the Council that OPEB is funded based on a percentage of pay roll and \$15 million will be going into the Fund. There is approximately \$235 million in the Fund.

Charlotte Lister asked David Craik how long it would take before the Fund is viable so it can be used. David Craik informed the Council the longer the State doesn't draw on it the better. Current yearly medical costs for State retirees are \$140 million. The Fund needs to grow considerably before it can be utilized.

The Council was asked if there were any concerns coming from their individual groups regarding pension issues. The general consensus, as stated by David Taylor, was increased cost of health care either by increases in co-pays or premiums. The Council was urged, although health care is an issue, that is not part of our responsibilities as a Council. The membership needs to be fully informed of what their obligations will be before they retire. The Council agreed.

10. Adjournment:

Nancy Patterson made a motion for adjournment. James Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Next council meeting will be held at the Pension office conference room at 1:30 pm on May 13th, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Malloy, Chair