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Delaware State Education Association

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Delaware School Nutrition Service Association

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PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Members Present:

David Taylor	DRSPA
Charlotte Lister	At Large
Karen Crouse	DSEA
Jim Testerman	At Large
Mark Ryde	DSTA
Janice Vander Decker	DSNA

Members Absent:

Joseph Malloy	WFD IAFF 1590
Fred Calhoun	FOP
Kevin Carson	DASA

Others Present:

Joanna Adams	Pension Administrator
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was given.

3. OPENING COMMENTS:

No opening comments were given.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2023 MINUTES:

C. Lister motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by J. Vander Decker. Motion Carried.

6. CO-CHAIRMEN'S REPORT:

No Co-Chair reports were given.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business was discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

D. Taylor reviewed the old by-laws that J. Testerman had located and shared with D. Taylor.

Article 1 - no changes

Article 2 – delete state employees and add participants in the Delaware State Retirement Systems (DPERS)

Article 3 – We need follow as written.

Article 4 – A great deal of conversation was had around this article. Discussion included adding reinstatement in several areas of this article. Note: The changes discussed are in red on the By-Law revision page.

We also reviewed Delaware Code 8308A as we discussed Article 4. It was decided we need to write legislation to amend section E to add the correctional officers and change Delaware School Food Service Association to Delaware Child Nutrition Services Association. We also discussed what happens if a new group wants to be included in the code and we do not agree with them being included. D. Taylor indicated that we would have to lobby against them being added.

We also discussed what happens if a group doesn't attend the required meetings and they lose the right to be on PAC. J. Adams said the legal opinion would be that the group would need to start at the beginning of the process.

Elections of Officers – C. Lister motioned for D. Taylor as Chair, K. Crouse as 1st Vice Chair and J. Vander Decker as 2nd Vice Chair. M. Ryde seconded the motion and the motion passed.

9. PENSION ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Legislative Report –

There was no legislative report.

Audit –

The Annual Financial Report and Audit would be available next Friday.

Court Case –

C. Lister asked where the court case for healthcare stood. J. Adams felt that Medicare Advantage is dead from a political standpoint.

Comparison Chart –

It was asked if a chart had been prepared showing current health benefits vs advantage benefits and if so, could we get a copy.

Pension Trustees –

J. Adams reported that Ken Simpler is a new member and Suzanne Grant is Chair.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

C. Lister motioned to adjourn, seconded by M. Ryde, motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Taylor, Chair
Pension Advisory Council