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PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2024

Members Present:

David Taylor	DRSPA
Charlotte Lister	At Large
Karen Crouse	DSEA
Kevin Carson	DASA
Janice Vander Decker	DSNA
Mark Ryde	DSTA

Members Absent:

Joseph Malloy	WFD IAFF 1590
Fred Calhoun	FOP
Jim Testerman	At Large

Others Present:

Joanna Adams	Pension Administrator
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was given.

3. OPENING COMMENTS:

D. Taylor asked if everyone had received the Newsletter from the Pension Office, and he explained it had some great information for retirees. May 1st – 17th is open enrollment.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

House Substitute Bill 1 for House Bill 250 and House Bill 330.

5. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2023 MINUTES:

K. Carson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by C. Lister. Motion passed.

6. CO-CHAIRMEN'S REPORT:

K. Crouse reported that J. Testerman feels he can no longer be a representative at large due to his medical condition. C. Lister said we should do something for him at our June meeting. D. Taylor indicated that DSEA has already done something for him. However, the Pension Advisory Council could do something as well. Please bring ideas to our May Meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. House Bill 281 –

There will be no Medicare Advantage Plan for FY 25, FY 26 and possibly FY 27. Retirees will continue with the current Medicare Supplement Plan.

2. House Bill 282 –

This bill calls for another retiree member to be added to the SEBC Committee and less appointees by the governor. This is not law yet, but it passed the House unanimously.

3. House Bill 289 –

This would increase the death benefit from \$7000 to \$8000. This is still in committee. The cost would be \$13 million dollars over 5 years. C. Lister explained that the death benefit has not been increased in 23 years.

4. JFC Presentation -

D. Taylor spoke on our legislative goals.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. House Bill – House Substitute Bill 1 for House Bill 350 -

This bill is for the establishment of The Diamond State Review Board. D. Taylor indicated that DSEA and the Troopers Association are in favor of this bill. D. Taylor asked if we should get involved in this bill. C. Lister indicated while we have an interest we should wait and see what happens in the next month. The group agreed with C. Lister.

2. House Bill 330 – Annual Appropriations –

This bill calls for 1% of the state payroll to prefund health benefits. C. Lister indicated that health insurance is not guaranteed like retirees' pensions, so we need to watch this bill.

3. Health Care Court Case –

No decision has been made. This case might get withdrawn.

4. Legislation to reinstate organization representatives to the Pension Advisory Council –

D. Taylor has spoken to Taylor Hawk and K. Crouse has emailed T. Hawk about this issue. D. Taylor asked if anyone had any connections with the groups we do not currently have representation from.

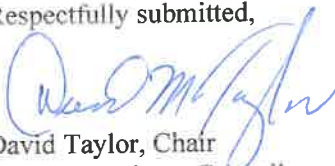
9. PENSION ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No Pension Administrator's Report was given.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

C. Lister motioned to adjourn, seconded by M. Ryde, motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Taylor, Chair
Pension Advisory Council