

Texas Emergency Services Retirement System
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Only, No Physical Location

Members Present via Teleconference:

Jenny Moore, Chairman
Pilar Rodriguez, Vice-Chairman
Nathan Douglas, Trustee
Matt Glaves, Trustee
Ed Keenan, Trustee
Jerry Romero, Trustee
Rod Ryalls, Trustee
Stephanie Wagner, Trustee

Staff and Others Present Via Teleconference:

Kevin Deiters, Executive Director, TESRS
Shirley Hays, Contract Manager, CTCM, TESRS
Scott Miller, Business Development, TESRS
Wayne Oberhoff, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, TESRS
Chana Kramer, Staff Services Officer, CTCD, CTCM, TESRS
David Gordon, Assistant Attorney General
Alyca Garrison, Jackson Walker, L.L.P

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Chana Kramer, Staff Services Officer, called the roll. Eight trustees were present. Secretary Bechtol was absent. Chairman Moore announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

Chairman Moore explained that for clarity, voting would be done by roll call.

2. Invitation for Public Comment

Chairman Moore called for public comment. No public comments were made.

No action was taken regarding this agenda item.

3. Approval of Minutes for August 18, 2020

Trustee Romero moved to adopt the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Trustee Keenan and passed unanimously by the board.

Board Members	Vote
Pilar Rodriguez	Yay
Nathan Douglas	Yay
Matt Glaves	Yay
Edward Keenan	Yay
Jerry Romero	Yay
Rodney Ryalls	Yay
Stephanie Wagner	Yay

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4. Legislative Appropriation Request - Discussion and Possible Action

Kevin Deiters, Executive Director, provided the Board with an overview of the Legislative Appropriation Request (LAR) process and explained that TESRS staff had prepared a draft of the LAR for the Board's approval.

Vice Chairman Rodriguez advised that the Administrative and Actuarial committee had met and reviewed the proposed LAR and made a committee recommendation that the Board vote to accept it.

Wayne Oberhoff, Chief Financial Officer, presented the draft LAR and provided the Board with the details of the proposed budget for each strategy. Mr. Oberhoff advised that the agency would request \$110,448 in state funding to support the actuarial soundness of the pension system.

Chana Kramer, Staff Services Officer, provided the Board with an overview of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Supporting Schedule. Ms. Kramer described the procurement activity of the agency for FY2018 and FY2019 and the efforts made by staff to promote equal business opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons. Ms. Kramer reported to the Board that TESRS consistently exceeded statewide HUB goals for purchases of goods and services and she expected to report a substantial increase to overall HUB vendor utilization for FY21 due to the transfer of information management services to a certified HUB vendor.

Trustee Ryalls made a motion to approve the LAR as presented, the motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner and passed unanimously by the Board.

Board Member	Vote
Pilar Rodriguez	Yay
Nathan Douglas	Yay
Matt Graves	Yay
Edward Keenan	Yay
Jerry Romero	Yay
Rodney Ryalls	Yay
Stephanie Wagner	Yay

5. Rule §302.8 Qualified Service - Discussion and Possible Action

Trustee Ryalls explained that the Rules committee had met and discussed a request from a participating department to consider waiving training requirements due to safety issues arising from COVID-19. Trustee Ryalls advised that the committee did not recommend any rule changes and felt that additional guidance from TESRS was more appropriate.

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Alyca Garrison, Jackson Walker L.L.P, explained that the Board did not have the authority to waive training requirements because it is a statutory requirement, and would require a rule change in order to make changes to qualified service requirements.

Shirley Hays, Contracts Manager, and Scott Miller, Business Development, discussed the options for providing guidance to participating departments. Mr. Miller described some of the ways that departments were modifying their trainings to ensure social distancing.

Chairman Moore advised that no action would be taken on this agenda item and moved to Agenda item 6.

6. Request for Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

Chairman Moore announced that the next meeting would be held on December 1, 2020. Items to consider would be the actuarial valuation and the quarterly investment performance report.


Mr. Deiters pointed out that the Annual Financial Report would also be an agenda item.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Moore requested a motion to adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

Trustee Keenan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the Board adjourned at 12:38p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

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Jenny Moore, Chairman

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Date