

**Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System
Legislative Committee Meeting
May 19, 2016**

The Legislative Committee of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System met on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in the fourth floor conference room of the Retirement Systems Building located at 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Judge William Kleinpeter, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Roll was called by Abby Partin, recording secretary.

Members present: Ms. Beverly Hodges, Judge William Kleinpeter, Mr. Rick McGimsey (designee of the Commissioner), Ms. Lori Pierce, Ms. Kathy Singleton, Ms. Shannon Templet, Ms. Lorry Trotter

Members absent: Mr. Thomas Bickham, Ms. Virginia Burton, Ms. Janice Lansing, Senator Barrow Peacock, Representative Kevin Pearson, Mr. John Kennedy

Staff present: Ms. Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director; Ms. Maris LeBlanc, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Trey Boudreaux, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Tina Grant, Executive Counsel; Ms. Tricia Gibbons, Retirement Benefits Administrator; Mr. Artie Fillastre, Chief Fiscal Officer; Ms. Tonja Normand, Public Information Director; Mr. Dan Bowden, IT Director; Mr. Ryan Babin, Audit Director; Mr. Steve Stark, General Counsel; Mr. Trey Roche, Attorney; Ms. Allison Vince, Retirement Benefits Supervisor; Mr. Mark Diaz, Public Information Officer; Ms. Amanda Celestine, Executive Management Officer; Ms. Abby Partin, recording secretary

Also present: Ms. Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster, Mr. Charles Hall, Hall Actuarial, Mr. John Garrett, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting

A quorum was declared present and the meeting opened for business.

Public Comment

Judge Kleinpeter called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Regular Business

Judge Kleinpeter called for approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2016, Legislative Committee meeting. **Ms. Templet moved, seconded by Ms. Trotter, to approve the minutes. With no objection or discussion, the motion carried.**

New Business

Ms. Rougeou gave a status report on the bills of the Regular Session.

SB 2 (Peacock) Authorizes a COLA of up to 1.5 percent (based on the amount of funds available in the Experience Account) for LASERS retirees and beneficiaries, contingent upon the passage of **SBs 5 and 18. Passed the Senate. Signed by the Governor on May 19, 2016.**

SB 5 (Peacock) Includes noninvestment related administrative expenses in calculating the required employer contribution rate. **Passed the Senate. 38-0. Signed by the Governor on May 19, 2016.**

SB 18 (Peacock) As amended: Clarifies provisions created in Act 399 of 2014; reduces the amortization period for actuarial gains and losses from 30 years to 20 years once the system is 70% funded (rather than 85% funded); and provides for the reamortization of schedules of gains and losses for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and every fifth fiscal year thereafter. **Passed the Senate. Signed by the Governor on May 19, 2016.**

HB 32 (Jones) As amended, authorizes a COLA of up to 1.5 percent (based on the amount of funds available in the Experience Account) for LASERS retirees and beneficiaries. **Passed out of Senate Retirement Committee on May 19, 2016.**

HB 14 (Pearson) As amended, replaces the Chairman of the House Retirement Committee with a member of the House Retirement Committee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on each state and statewide retirement board. **Passed out of Senate Retirement Committee. Goes to Senate floor for action.**

HB 78 (Pearson) Requires the executive director of each of the state and statewide retirement systems to file annual personal financial disclosure statements. **Passed the House. Pending Senate Committee action.**

SB 14 (Morrish) Adds employees of the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority to LASERS. **Passed the Senate and House and awaits action by the Governor.**

SB 15 (Mills) Adds employees of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane and Conservation District to LASERS. **Passed the Senate and House and awaits action by the Governor.**

HB 603 (Leger) (Constitutional Amendment) Establishes the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund. The Fund may provide additional money for the payment of the UAL. **Passed the House. Referred to Senate Finance.**

HB 696 (Leger) Establishes the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund, to be funded by certain mineral revenue and certain corporate franchise and income taxes. The Fund may provide additional money for the payment of the UAL. **Passed the House. Referred to Senate Finance.**

HB 1093 (Ivey) Requires the Legislative Auditor to prepare, at least every five years, comparative summaries of each system's actuarial assumptions and funded ratio and the auditor's finding as to the appropriateness of each system's assumptions. **Passed out of Senate Retirement Committee. Goes to Senate floor for action.**

HB 621 (Ivey) Legislative Auditor shall have access to books, records, documents, and accounts that are held by an entity that provides actuarial or investment services to a retirement system. Ms. Rougeou explained that Representative Ivey indicated he will pull this bill. **Ms. Hodges moved, seconded by Ms. Templet, to recommend the Board ratify the Chair's decision to oppose HB 621, as amended.**

Other Business

Ms. Singleton thanked the staff for their work at the legislature. Ms. Rougeou stated they could not do it without support of the board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.