

**MINUTES
ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES-CALLED TELEPHONIC**

**Monday, April 29, 2019
3:45 p.m.
1400 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201**

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Jeff Stubblefield, Chair*
Danny Knight, Vice Chair*
Jason Brady, designee for Hon. Dennis
Milligan*
Lloyd Black*
Kathy Clayton*
Kelly Davis*
Andrea Lea, State Auditor*
Bobby Lester*
Robin Nichols*
Deborah Thompson*

ATRS Staff Present

Clint Rhoden, Executive Director
Rod Graves, Deputy Director
Tammy Porter, Executive Assistant/Board Sec.
Mike Lauro, Information Systems Manager
Martha Miller, Staff Attorney
Willie Kincade, Assoc. Dir. of Operations

Reporters Present

Mike Wickline, AR DemGaz

Board Members Absent

Dr. Richard Abernathy
Anita Bell
Candace Franks
Johnny Key
Janet Watson

* *via telephone*

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call.** Mr. Jeff Stubblefield, Chair, called the Board of Trustee meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Voice roll call was taken. Dr. Abernathy, Ms. Bell, Ms. Franks, Mr. Key and Ms. Watson were absent.

- II. **Motion for Excused Absences.**

Mr. Knight *moved to excuse* Dr. Abernathy, Ms. Bell, Ms. Franks, Mr. Key and Ms. Watson from the April 29, 2019, Board of Trustees Special Telephonic meeting. Ms. Davis *seconded the motion*, and the Board *unanimously approved the motion*.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Nichols moved for adoption of the Agenda. Mr. Knight seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

IV. Executive Summary. The Executive Summary was provided for reference with no questions or expansions on the written summary.

V. Appointment of Physicians for Medical Committee to review Applications for Disability Retirement. Mr. Rhoden presented recommendations for two (2) physicians to be appointed to the Medical Committee. Pursuant to A.C.A. §24-7-303(f), the ATRS Board shall appoint physicians to the ATRS Medical Committee to review disability retirement applications. ATRS staff has worked diligently to locate potential physicians to fill the vacant positions we currently have on the Medical Committee due to retirements of former physicians.

The first recommendation was Dr. Hoyte Pyle. Mr. Pyle received his doctorate in 1963 from UAMS. He is currently the Assoc. Physician at UAMS.

Mr. Rhoden stated that staff concurs with the recommendation of Dr. Pyle.

Ms. Davis moved to adopt Resolution 2019-24, to appoint Dr. Hoyte to serve as a member of the ATRS Medical Committee. Ms. Clayton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

The second recommendation was Dr. Charles Phillips. Mr. Phillips received his doctorate from UAMS. He has over 38 years of experience as a medical doctor. He is currently the CMO at Baptist Health in Little Rock.

Mr. Rhoden stated that staff concurs with the recommendation of Dr. Phillips.

Mr. Lester moved to adopt Resolution 2019-25, to appoint Dr. Charles Phillips to serve as a member of the ATRS Medical Committee. Mr. Knight seconded the motion and the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

VI. Adjourn.

Mr. Black moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Auditor Lea seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Clint Rhoden,
Executive Director

Mr. Jeff Stubblefield, Chair
Board of Trustees

Tammy Porter,
Board Secretary

Date Approved