

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

**Monday, July 8, 2019
3:30 p.m.
1400 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201**

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Danny Knight, Acting Chair
Dr. Richard Abernathy*
Anita Bell*
Lloyd Black*
Kathy Clayton*
Kelly Davis*
Susanna Marshall, designee for Candace Franks*
Auditor Andrea Lea*
Bobby Lester*
Jason Brady, designee for Dennis Milligan*
Robin Nichols*
Janet Watson*

Board Members Absent

Johnny Key
Chip Martin

ATRS Staff Present

Clint Rhoden, Executive Director
Rod Graves, Deputy Director
Tammy Porter, Executive Assistant/Board Chair
Martha Miller, Attorney
Manju, Director, Information Systems

Guest Present

Donna Morey, ARTA
Linda Powell, ARTA

Reporters Present

Mike Wickline, AR Democrat Gazette

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call.** Mr. Danny Knight, Acting Chair, called the Board of Trustee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Voice roll call was taken. Mr. Johnny Key and Mr. Chip Martin were absent.

- II. **Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

- IV. Recognize Vacancy for Position #6 – Administrator (Superintendent).** With his retirement, Mr. Jeff Stubblefield is no longer able to serve as a Trustee in Position 6. The Board, by adoption of Resolution 2019-34, recognized that a vacancy exists

Ms. Bell moved to adopt Resolution 2019-34, Recognize Vacancy for Position #6 - Administrator (Superintendent). Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

- V. Fulfilment of Vacancy Pursuant to A.C.A. 24-7-302(b)(2).** A.C.A. §24-302 states that if a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected trustee, then the board, by a majority vote, may fill the vacancy by a special election, or appointment of a trustee until the next system election. After discussion by the Board, it was decided to fill the vacancy by appointment. They request that Director Rhoden send an executive director update notifying members of the vacancy and allow people to submit an application to fill the unexpired term of Position #6.

Dr. Abernathy moved to approve the appointment of a Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Position #6 - Administrator (Superintendent). Mr. Lester seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

- VI. Appointment of Physician for Medical Committee to review Applications for Disability Retirement.** Mr. Rhoden will present the recommendation for a physician 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 position we currently have on the Medical Committee due to retirements of former physicians.

The recommendation was Dr. Jim Morse. Dr. Morse graduated UAMS Medical School in 1973; Did his medicine internship U of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham. Al. Internal Medicine Residency at UAMS Little Rock. Was in private practice for over 30 years.

ATRS staff concurs with the recommendation.

Mr. Brady moved to adopt Resolution 2019-35, to appoint Dr. Jim Morse to serve as a member of the ATRS Medical Committee. Dr. Abernathy seconded the motion and the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

VII. Other Business. None

VIII. Adjourn.

Ns. Nichols moved to *adjourn* the Board Meeting. Mr. Lester *seconded* the *motion*, and the Board *unanimously approved the motion*.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Clint Rhoden,
Executive Director

Mr. Danny Knight, Acting Chair
Board of Trustees

Tammy Porter,
Board Secretary

Date Approved