

ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

February 25, 2022

1400 West Third Street

BOARD ROOM

Little Rock, AR 72201

Board of Trustees - Called Meeting Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Trustees

Danny Knight, Chair

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Kathy Clayton

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AGENDA
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CALLED MEETING

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- I. ***Call to Order/Roll Call.** page 1.

- II. ***Adoption of Agenda.** page 2.

- III. Executive Summary. (Attachment No. 1) page 3.

- IV. ***Board of Trustees Disability Review.** *Clint Rhoden, Executive Director*
 - A. ***Group Order - Approved - DR-2022-02-B.** (Attachment No. 2) page 4.

- V. ***Litigation Update.** *Clint Rhoden, Executive Director*

- VI. ***Adjourn.**

* Action Item

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Board of Trustees - Called Meeting
FROM: ATRS Staff
RE: Executive Summary
DATE: February 25, 2022

IV. *Board of Trustees Disability Review. *Clint Rhoden, Executive Director*

Under the Disability Review procedure described in A.C.A.24-7-704(b)(3)(D) the Board shall approve the recommendations of the Medical Committee.

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V. *Litigation Update. *Clint Rhoden, Executive Director*

A brief update regarding ongoing litigation will be presented.

**BEFORE THE
ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

IN THE MATTER OF
CONTINUATION OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS
MEMBER OBJECTIONS

PROPOSED DISABILITY REVIEW ORDER: DR-2022-02-B

INTRODUCTION

This matter is a review of the Medical Committee’s recommendations that certain members’ disability retirement benefits be continued under subdivision A.C.A. §24-7-704(b)(3)(D)(iii).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The following members submitted a letter requesting reconsideration of the Medical Committee’s recommendation: 181245; 222825.
2. After reviewing each member’s records, the Medical Committee recommends that each member be **approved for** eligibility to continue receiving ATRS disability benefits.

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

Arkansas law provides that an ATRS member who has been approved for disability benefits must provide, within thirty-six months, a favorable determination by the Social Security Administration that the member is disabled. In the alternative, Arkansas law allows the member to apply for a review by the Medical Committee.

The Medical Committee considers each request for review, using criteria set out in A.C.A. §24-7-704(a)(1)(E), and makes a recommendation to the Board on the question of whether the member continues to be totally and permanently physically or mentally

incapacitated for his or her job duties as a result of a personal injury or disease. In the cases noted above, the medical committee recommends to the Board that it find that these members continue to be “disabled” within the meaning of the ATRS law and are entitled to continue to receive ATRS disability benefits.

The Board of Trustees accepts the Medical Committee recommendation to approve continued disability benefits, and restore benefits retroactively to the date of the suspension of benefits.

Reviewed and approved

Danny Knight, Chairman

February 25, 2022