

MINUTES
ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
via Telephone Conference

Friday, December 18, 2009
1:00 p.m.
1400 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

*Dr. Richard Abernathy, Chair
*Hazel Coleman, Vice Chair
*David Cauldwell
*Mike Creekmore, designee for Hon. Martha Shoffner
*Dr. Paul Fair
*John Fortenberry
*Beverly Leming
*Bobby Lester
*Susannah Marshall, designee for Candace Franks
*Robin Nichols
*Janelle Riddle
*Jeff Stubblefield

Board Members Absent

Dr. Tom Kimbrell
Hon. Jim Wood

ATRS Staff Present

*George Hopkins, Executive Director
Gail Bolden, Deputy Director
Kay Daniel, Director's Assistant
*Laura Gilson, Chief Legal Counsel
Wayne Greathouse, Dir. Public Markets
Clementine Infante, Legal Consultant
Amy Wells, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

*Erika Gee

Reporters Present

Mike Wickline, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

**present via Telephone Conference*

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call.** Chair, Dr. Abernathy, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and all Board members were present except for Dr. Kimbrell, Mr. Fortenberry, Mr. Lester and Mr. Wood. Mr. Fortenberry and Mr. Lester called into the teleconference at later times.

- II. **Approval of Agenda.**

Ms. Nichols moved for adoption of the Agenda. Ms. Riddle seconded the motion and, with no discussion or objections, the meeting proceeded.

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

IV. **Final Approval of Rules and Regulations (Resolution 2009-40).**

Ms. Leming *moved to adopt* the Resolution 2009-40, a Consent Agenda following the Legislature’s Review Committee’s review and approval of the following policies:

Policy 4-1, Board Composition and Elections

Policy 4-2, Election Procedures for Elected Trustees

Policy 4-3, Schedule for Trustee Elections

Policy 7-3, Reporting Employee (Member) Contributions

Policy 7-4. Employer Contributions

Policy 9-1a, Retirement/Benefits Definitions

Policy 9-3, Disability Retirement

Policy 9-7, Error Corrections and Collection of Overpayments

Policy 10-1, Rescinding Retirement

Policy 11-1, Survivor Benefits

Ms. Nichols *seconded the motion*, and the Board *unanimously adopted the resolution*.

V. **Other Business.** Mr. Hopkins gave an update on the Southwest Power Pool transaction. Southwest Power Pool made an offer of \$4 million on 18 acres of land: 12 acres of commercial lots and 6 acres that are under Deltic Timberland’s restrictions, preventing the land from being used as a parking lot. On December 3, 2009, Southwest Power Pool gave ATRS a 20-day period to get the restrictions lifted. Currently, there is a strong likelihood that the restrictions will not be lifted and the transaction will not close.

Deltic originally asked for \$1 million to lift the restrictions, lowered the price to \$490,000, and then to \$400,000. Mr. Hopkins explained that the price to lift the restrictions was too high to be of value to ATRS. Mr. Hopkins and staff are currently negotiating with Deltic to lift the restrictions at a fair price. Deltic also expressed that the offer on the land was insubstantial, and that the parcel Southwest Power Pool is interested in could be sold at a higher price. This runs counter to what ATRS has been told by assessors and valuations.

If the transaction does not close due to these restrictions, ATRS staff will take steps to have the restrictions removed to prevent further obstruction.

VI. **Adjourn.**

Ms. Nichols *moved to adjourn* the Board of Trustees Meeting. Ms. Leming *seconded* the *motion*, and the Board *unanimously approved the motion*.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

George Hopkins,
Executive Director

Dr. Richard Abernathy, Chair
Board of Trustees

Amy Wells,
Recorder

Date Approved