

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 507, Austin Texas
January 17, 2019 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by First Vice President Marie Moore.

Board Members in attendance: Marie Moore, Tom Griebel, Don Raschke, Bill Dally, Dona Medlock, Willie Piña, and Elena Diaz. President Bill Hamilton participated by telephone.

Board Members Absent: Vic Holubec.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes for the December 5, 2018, called Board meeting were presented by Ms. Moore. Willie Piña moved approval of the minutes; with a second by Dona Medlock, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Related Financials

Tom Griebel presented financial reports for the months of November and December, 2018, along with an amendment to the report for October, 2018. Bill Dally moved acceptance, subject to audit, of the November and December reports as presented, and the October report as amended, with a second by Willie Piña. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Report and Legislative Outlook

Bill Dally and Tom Griebel had researched multiple bills that will be considered by the 86th Legislature.

Bill Dally discussed meetings he had attended and information about the legacy fund as proposed by Comptroller Glen Hegar. He outlined other legislative proposals for use of the economic stabilization fund. Bill presented a summary of the following:

HB 425 by Representative Allen

SJR 4 by Senator Menendez

SB 500 by Senator Nelson

SB 223 by Senator Seliger (companion HB814 by Representative Landgraf)

HB596 by Representative Hernandez

HB 392 by Representative Blanco

SJR21 by Senator Seliger

SB69 by Senator Nelson

SJR1 by Senator Seliger

HJR42 by Representative Metcalf

Tom Griebel noted staff at the Texas Department of Transportation were closely monitoring legislation related to the economic stabilization fund in terms of any impact upon highway funding.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Communications** – Don Raschke said an email regarding the start of the 86th legislative session was sent to members in early January.
- **Membership** – Don Raschke included report detail under the agenda item related to Membership Outreach,
- **Office Administration** – Marie Moore provided a brief status report on office activities and initiatives.
- **Insurance and Annuities** – A summary and review of the agenda for the meeting scheduled on December 11-12 was given by Bill Hamilton. Bill Dally and Bill Hamilton reported on the ERS Board of Trustees meeting on December 11-12. Bill Dally discussed the December 11 ERS “stakeholders briefing” he had attended.
- **Legislative** – RSEA representatives will be present when the budget of the Employees Retirement System reviewed by House Appropriations and/or Senate Finance. President Hamilton restated RSEA’s priorities and legislative agenda:
 - Establish a path to actuarial soundness of the pension fund
 - No detrimental changes in benefits or costs of the health insurance program
 - Designate a position for a retiree to serve on the ERS Board of Trustees

Membership Outreach Planning for 2019

Don Raschke recommended a work session be scheduled for the purpose of investigating various outreach initiatives. He provided additional detail for consideration.

A work session was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Preliminary Planning – 2019 RSEA Annual Meeting

Marie Moore had communicated with management of the Williamson Conference Center regarding availability. Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Elena Diaz, the Board selected the annual meeting date of October 3, 2019, to be held at the Williamson Conference Center in Round Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

An executive session did not take place.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. upon motion by Don Raschke and second by Tom Griebel.