

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication
April 15, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board Members present: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Willie Piña, Elena Diaz, Eliza May, Carla James, Ed Seidenberg, and Rick Moss.

Board Members Absent: Dona Medlock and Denice Bettencourt.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Rick Moss and second by Elena Diaz, minutes of the March 18, 2021 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Elena Diaz presented the Treasurer's report. Copies of financial reports had been distributed to board members. Upon motion by Eliza May and second by Ed Seidenberg, the reports were unanimously accepted, subject to audit.

Standing Committee Reports

- a. Communications**
- b. Membership**
- c. Office Administration**

Ed Seidenberg recommended focus and timeline for a newsletter. He outlined specific topics and would reach out to board members for articles.

Eliza May described methods for outreach that had been researched. The Membership committee planned to draft a targeted communication for review by the board.

Marie Moore reported office tasks were current. A technical consultant had spent time at the office to restore email and network configurations.

Legislative (including ERS meetings)

Carla James distributed and summarized a list of active legislation she had been following. Bill Hamilton and Ms. James discussed actions and status of pending legislation related to the Employees Retirement System (ERS) appropriations request, and other items. Topics included:

- Appropriations – Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee
 - Level of funding
 - Consideration of increase of state contribution
- ERS Board of Trustees – retiree allowed to serve as a board member

Mr. Hamilton and Ms James had actively participated with a coalition of organizations with a common goal to restore the ERS to sound actuarial status and sustain benefits for current and future employees and retirees.

Strategic Planning and Updates

There was discussion regarding the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting. Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Eliza May, a meeting date of Wednesday, September 29, 2021 was selected. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Update Regarding Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) Proposals

It was agreed research would be continued by Bill Hamilton and would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Update and Possible Action regarding participation for Scholarships in state public service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

No action was taken. Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Diaz would review the Memorandum of Understanding associated with the scholarship program.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

Adjourn

Upon motion by Elena Diaz and second by Willie Piña, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:33 p.m.