

**Minutes**  
**Retired State Employees Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication**  
**March 18, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Carla James, minutes of the January 21, 2021 board meeting were unanimously approved. No board meeting was held in February.

**Treasurer's Report**

Financial reports had been distributed to board members. The report for the period ending December 31, 2020 included expense and income details for all months of 2020. In addition, reports were provided for January and February 2021.

Treasurer Elena Diaz outlined the reports. Ms. Diaz noted Fiscal Year 2020 ended at a level under-budget. Upon motion by Rick Moss and second by Willie Piña, the reports were unanimously accepted, subject to audit.

**Standing Committee Reports**

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

A Communications report was deferred. Marie Moore detailed current Membership levels. Ms. Moore stated Office Administration processes were in current status.

**Legislative (including ERS meetings)**

Bill Hamilton and Carla James discussed the recent ERS staff testimony (for ERS appropriations) before the Senate Finance Committee. Ms. James described the ERS presentation that was given to a subcommittee of House Appropriations. The full Appropriations Committee had not yet met. Testimony from others was not taken. Preliminary budget recommendations were lower than the amounts requested by ERS.

Mr. Hamilton noted Representative Ana Hernandez had re-introduced legislation for a retiree to be a member of the board of the Employees Retirement System.

**Strategic Planning and Updates**

Membership Outreach, Legislative Watch, and Website Management were included in discussion of other agenda items.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) Proposals**

It was agreed research would be continued by a committee of the whole and would be discussed at the next board meeting.

## **Discussion of Possible Committee Structure**

Bill Hamilton distributed a list of proposed committee members to serve. Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Rick Moss, the following committees were formed. President Hamilton would serve ex officio on all committees.

### Office Administration

Marie Moore-Chair, Denice Bettencourt, Dona Medlock, Ed Seidenberg, Eliza May, Elena Diaz

### Communications

Ed Seidenberg-Chair, Denice Bettencourt, Eliza May, Rick Moss, Marie Moore

### Membership

Eliza May-Chair, Denice Bettencourt, Dona Medlock, Rick Moss, Willie Piña, Marie Moore

### Legislative Relations

Carla James-Chair, Bill Hamilton, Ed Seidenberg, Elena Diaz, Eliza May, Rick Moss

## **Other Issues for the Good of the Order**

## **Adjourn**

Upon motion by Elena Diaz and second by Eliza May, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.