

**Minutes**  
**Retired State Employees Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Austin Texas**  
**February 27, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

**Board Members present:** Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Tom Griebel, Denice Bettencourt, and Eliza May, Willie Piña.

**Board Members Absent:** Elena Diaz and Dona Medlock.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes for the January 16, 2020, Board meeting were presented. Tom Griebel moved approval of the minutes; with a second by Willie Piña, the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report and Related Financials**

Tom Griebel presented financial reports for the month of January, 2020. Willie Piña moved acceptance, subject to audit, with a second by Denice Bettencourt. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Griebel noted that an audit of financial and accounting records for calendar fiscal year 2020 would be performed in early 2021.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Communications**

**b. Membership**

**c. Office Administration**

Marie Moore discussed the above agenda items.

**d. Insurance and Annuities**

No report was given.

**e. Legislative (including ERS meetings)**

Bill Hamilton reported on a recent Senate Finance Committee hearing he had attended.

**Discussion and possible action regarding participation for Scholarships and/or Fellowship(s) in state public service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin**

Upon motion by Marie Moore and second by Willie Piña, the Board agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Retired State Employees Association and The University of Texas System to create a fellowship in state public service. A gift amount of \$50,000 is pledged, to be paid over 5 years at \$10,000 per year. The funds will be used to create four \$2,500 fellowships for second-year graduate students each year in either the Masters in

Public Policy or Masters in Global Policy Studies programs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at UT. Recipients would be expected to show an interest in pursuing careers in state government in Texas upon graduation.

#### Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session at 1:05 and reconvened in open session at 1:45.

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

There was discussion regarding various interim legislative items. Methods and focus of communication would be addressed during a future RSEA work session.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Denice Bettencourt.