

NOTE: These minutes from the January 12, 2015 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the March 6, 2015 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
January 12, 2015**

The Public Minutes

**New Hampshire Retirement System
54 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301**

Committee Members: George Walker, *Chair*; Germano Martins, and David McCrillis. John Beardmore and Don Roy, *telephonically*.

Staff: George Lagos, *Executive Director*; Tim Crutchfield, Esq., *Chief Legal Counsel*; Denise Call, *Director of Employer Services*; Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services*; Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Associate Counsel & Compliance Officer*; Carolyn Johnson, *Hearings Officer*; Kathy DeNutte, *Employer Reporting Team Lead*; Shannan Hudgins, *Administrative Coordinator*

Trustee Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and requested a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of the December 3, 2014 Committee meeting. On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee unanimously approved the December 3, 2014 public and non-public minutes.

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee voted to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) to discuss pending legal matters on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walker, Beardmore, Martins, McCrillis and Roy.

Nays: None.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee unanimously voted to conclude the non-public session.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

Atty. Johnson joined the Committee meeting following the conclusion of the non-public session.

Following the non-public session, on a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee unanimously voted to pursue recoupment in the Matter of Pearson as discussed with Staff.

Chair Walker opened a review of the NHRS disability application process. After discussion, it was agreed that a physical examination will be performed for an ordinary disability applicant by an NHRS IME if the IME determines that the medical evaluation form submitted by the applicant's physician does not conclusively state the applicant's medical condition and disability.

Atty. Johnson offered an explanation of her draft appeals brochure that is designed to assist members in understanding the administrative appeals process. She confirmed that the intention is to make the brochure available on the newly designed web site for easy accessibility.

Following a brief discussion of the status of the medical subsidy questionnaire project presently underway, on a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannan Hudgins