

August 29, 2019 NHRS Board of Trustees' Benefits Committee Minutes

NOTE: These minutes from the August 29, 2019 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the November 8, 2019 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
August 29, 2019**

Public Minutes

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

Telephonically present: Trustees George Walker, Chair, Chris Coates, Melvin Friese, and Don Roy. *Absent:* Trustee Bill Hart

Staff present: Tim Crutchfield, *Chief Legal Counsel*; Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Associate Counsel & Compliance Officer*; Diana Crichton, Esq., *Hearings Examiner*; Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services*; and Margaret Astles, *Executive Assistant*.

Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Having established a quorum, Chair Walker called for a motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of the August 7, 2019 Benefits Committee meeting. On a motion by Trustee Roy, seconded by Trustee Friese, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes on a roll call vote.

Chief Legal Counsel Crutchfield introduced discussion regarding the annual review of the Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs) per the IME Review Policy. In answering questions from the Committee, Mr. Crutchfield explained that it is his practice each year to check the background of each IME for any disciplinary findings with the medical boards in all of the states that they are licensed in. Mr. Crutchfield then noted that for many years we have used five IMEs, and last year the number reached six. Over the past year, the number has declined to four. Director of Member Services Miller added that certified IMEs with offices in NH are difficult to find, especially in the northern half of the state. She noted that Member Services will again be recruiting for certified IMEs by reaching out to our area's medical networks.

Lastly, Mr. Crutchfield noted that the IMEs' Curriculum Vitae will be in the Board's September 10, 2019 packet as an informational item.

With no further business to discuss, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Trustee Roy, seconded by Trustee Friese, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Astles
Executive Assistant