

NOTE: These minutes from the December 6, 2016 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the January 31, 2017 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
December 6, 2016**

Public Minutes

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

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

Staff: George Lagos, *Executive Director*; Tim Crutchfield, Esq., *Chief Legal Counsel*; Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer*; Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services*; Carolyn Johnson, *Hearings Officer*; and, Shannan Hudgins, *Administrative Coordinator*.

Committee Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. On a motion by Trustee Beardmore, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the minutes from the November 7, 2016, Benefits Committee meeting were approved.

On a motion by Trustee Beardmore, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee voted to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss matters which could adversely impact the reputation of someone other than a member of the Board, on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walker, Beardmore, and McCrillis. (Trustee Martins arrived during the non-public session.)

Nays: None.

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

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

On a motion by Trustee Beardmore, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board that Rule Ret. 302.05 be suspended pursuant to rule Ret. 314.01 in the Ackerman matter.

On a motion by Trustee Beardmore, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board that Rule Ret. 309.01(f) be suspended pursuant to Rule Ret. 314.01 in the Mudgett matter.

The Committee heard updates from Atty. Mark Cavanaugh, *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer*, regarding Gainful Occupation split benefit noncompliance issues, medical subsidy eligibility in Nashua, and the process and procedures in place for recovering pension payments which are made to deceased retirees.

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannan Hudgins