

NOTE: These minutes from the February 8, 2019 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the April 2, 2019 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
February 8, 2019**

Public Minutes

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

Committee Members present telephonically: Chair George Walker and Trustees Christopher Coates and Bill Hart.

Staff: Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Associate Counsel & Compliance Officer*; Diana Crichton, Esq., *Hearings Examiner*; Tim Crutchfield, Esq., *Chief Legal Counsel*; and Margaret Astles, *Executive Assistant*.

Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

Having established a quorum, Chair Walker called for a motion to accept the public and non-public minutes of the December 7, 2018, Benefits Committee meeting. On a motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Coates, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the public and non-public minutes of the December 7, 2018 Benefits Committee meeting as presented.

Chief Legal Counsel Tim Crutchfield briefed the Board on the salary continuance process review resulting from the Scaglione matter that the Board considered at its November 2018 meeting. He noted that Staff was able to create a search of imaged records through PensionGold for any member for whom a salary continuance form had been submitted since the law changing the eligibility for that benefit was revised effective July 1, 2014. The search identified 1,128 salary continuance records and Staff is now auditing the accuracy of those imaged data records and will update the Committee once the audit is complete.

On a motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Coates, the Board unanimously moved to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss a matter that would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of this public body. Roll call vote: Trustees Walker, Coates and Hart.

On a motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Coates, the Board unanimously voted to conclude the non-public session.

Once back in public session, on a motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Coates, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that it waive any further re-examinations for J.M. and M.C.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Coates, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Astles
Executive Assistant