

NOTE: These minutes from the January 30, 2018 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the March 29, 2018 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
January 30, 2018**

Public Minutes

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

Committee Members: Trustees George Walker, *Chair*, Germano Martins, David McCrillis and Don Roy, present.

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

Committee Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the minutes from the November 7, 2017 Benefits Committee meeting were approved as presented. Trustee Roy *abstained*.

Associate Counsel Mark Cavanaugh reported on the revisions to the Gainful Occupation rules, noting that the amendment process is on schedule to be completed in June 2018.

Mr. Cavanaugh then reported on the adoption of the Interim Rules which are anticipated to be completed in April.

Chief Legal Counsel Tim Crutchfield also reported that staff has been working on revisions to the appeals' rules and expects to bring those proposed revisions to the Committee at its next meeting.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee voted to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss matters that would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of this public body on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walker, Martins, McCrillis and Roy.

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

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No votes were taken during non-public session.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee unanimously recommended to the full Board that it require disability annuitant T.S. to undergo a re-examination pursuant to RSA 100-A:6, III(a).

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee unanimously recommended to the full Board that administrative rule Ret. 309.01(f) be suspended pursuant to rule Ret. 314.01 in the J.Z. matter.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board, that pursuant to Ret. 204.09(b)(2), that it accept the factual findings of the Hearings Examiner's January 9, 2018 recommendation and make the following two legal determinations:

1. Not to recoup the overpaid benefits; and
2. Reduce the monthly benefit by \$17.90 as determined by staff.

The vote was three in favor with Trustee Martins opposed.

With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Astles