

NOTE: These minutes from the July 5, 2017 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the August 30, 2017 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
July 5, 2017**

Public Minutes

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

Committee Members: George Walker, *Chair*, Germano Martins, David McCrillis. Don Roy, *via telephone*. John Beardmore, *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*; and Carolyn Johnson, Esq., *Hearings Officer*; Shannan Hudgins, *Administrative Coordinator*.

Committee Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and requested a motion for approval of the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes. On a motion by Trustee Roy, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the public minutes of the May 8, 2017, Benefits Committee meeting, as presented.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee voted unanimously to temporarily adjourn the meeting for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel under RSA 91-A:2, I(b). All NHRS Staff departed.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee voted unanimously to reconvene the meeting. Staff returned to the meeting.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that in the matter of Deborah Bulkley, the Board accept the recommendation of the Benefits Committee to deny the Petitioners' Joint Motion for Reconsideration and proceed with the Board's action authorized on May 9, 2017 to schedule a new hearing before an alternative Hearings Examiner.

Staff provided the Committee updates on service credit issues related to the Gilford School District trimester system, proposed revisions to the Gainful Occupation rule, and a review of the disability review and reconsideration process.

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board that it approve the current disability process suggested by staff pursuant to 2016 Chapter Law 49.

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee voted to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss a matter 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.

Nays: None.

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

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board that it request disability annuitant A.P. to undergo a reexamination.

There being no other business, on a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannan Hudgins