

NOTE: These minutes from the November 7, 2017 Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the January 30, 2018 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
November 7, 2017**

Public Minutes

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

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

Staff: Tim Crutchfield, Esq., *Chief Legal Counsel*; Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer*; Carolyn Johnson, *Hearings Officer*; and, Margaret Astles, *Executive Assistant*.

Committee Chair Walker called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the minutes from the August 30, 2017 Benefits Committee meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Associate Counsel Mark Cavanaugh reviewed why revisions to Ret. 309.01 regarding Gainful Occupation were proposed as presented to the Committee at its last meeting and summarized in his memo to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed wording in paragraph (g) leading to amended language in that paragraph.

Following that discussion, on a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that it approve the proposed revisions to Ret. 309.01 as amended.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee voted to enter into 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 and McCrillis.

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

In public session, on a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the Committee unanimously recommended to the full Board that an in-office examination be done by an IME for all disability applications if the IME cannot recommend granting disability retirement based on the medical records reviewed.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Martins, the Committee unanimously recommended to the full Board that it require disability annuitant J. K. to undergo a reexamination pursuant to RSA 100-A:6, III(a).

On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee McCrillis, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret M. Astles