

NOTE: These minutes from the September 3, 2014 Benefits Committee meeting were approved and executed at the October 14, 2014, committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
September 3, 2014**

The Public Minutes

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

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

Staff: George Lagos, *Executive Director*; Tim Crutchfield, Esq., *Chief Legal Counsel*; Denise Call, *Director of Employer & Retiree Services*; Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services*; Mark Cavanaugh, Esq., *Regulatory Compliance Officer*; Kathy DeNutte, *Employer Reporting Team Lead*; Tracey Horner, *Member Accounts Team Lead*; Shannan Hudgins, *Administrative Coordinator*.

Trustee Walker called the Committee meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2014, Benefits Committee meeting. Moved by Trustee McCrillis, and seconded by Trustee Beardmore, the minutes were approved.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Beardmore, the Committee voted to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (e) to discuss pending legal actions on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes: Trustees Walker, Beardmore, and McCrillis.

Nays: None.

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

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Beardmore, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board to initiate recoupment in the amount of \$200 as a monthly deduction from the pension of Gary Johnson and to enter into an agreement with Mr. Johnson which

would provide NHRS with a security interest in his property, as well such other terms and conditions as may be appropriate to protect NHRS interests.

Atty. Crutchfield offered an update regarding Richard Welch's claim against NHRS in NH District Court for \$5,000. Atty. Schulman is representing the NHRS and has filed two motions to dismiss the claim, based in part on the Supreme Court's October 2013 decision in favor of the NHRS in which Mr. Welch raised similar claims.

Atty. Crutchfield also reported that the Legal KPM addressing the Board's approval rate of the Hearings Examiner's recommendations had been removed in response to Mr. Welch's challenge in his submission of rule change suggestions. It was agreed that the Benefits Committee would be reviewing Mr. Welch's proposed rule changes at its next meeting as per the request of the Board at its last meeting.

On a motion by Trustee McCrillis, seconded by Trustee Beardmore, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannan Hudgins