

Note: These minutes from the January 6, 2023, Legislative Committee meeting were approved at the April 4, 2023, meeting of the Legislative Committee.

**NHRS Legislative Committee of the Board of Trustees
January 6, 2023
PUBLIC MINUTES**

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

As the Committee members were participating electronically pursuant to RSA 100-A:14-a, all votes were by roll call pursuant to RSA 91-A.

Committee Members participating: Ken Merrifield, Chair, Sue Hannan, Andrew Martineau, Jon Frederick, Joshua Quigley.

Other Trustees attending: Germano Martins (via videoconference).

Staff: Jan Goodwin, *Executive Director*; Marty Karlon, *Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs*; Tim Crutchfield, *Deputy Director and Chief Legal Counsel* (via videoconference); Mark Cavanaugh, *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer* (via videoconference); Diana Crichton, *Hearings Examiner* (via videoconference); Marie Mullen, *Director of Finance* (via videoconference); Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services* (via videoconference).

Chair Merrifield called the meeting to order at 11:30a.m. Having established a quorum, Chair Merrifield called for a motion to accept the Committee minutes of October 5, 2022. On a motion by Trustee Martineau, seconded by Trustee Hannan, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes, as presented.

Chair Merrifield opened the meeting and asked Mr. Karlon to provide information on 2023 legislative proposals.

Mr. Karlon reported that the text of four bills have been numbered and posted to the General Court website. He then summarized the bills:

- House Bill 30 allows county commissioners to exempt the county chief administrative officer from compulsory NHRS membership at the time of initial hiring or appointment.
- House Bill 50 provides that the state shall pay 7.5% of local employer retirement contributions for Group I Teachers and Group II Police and Fire members.

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- HB183 allows retired Group II Fire members to be employed by the state fire academy and not have those employment hours count against the annual limit on part-time hours.
- HB 193 is NHRS' requested cleanup bill, intended to clarify vague or contradictory section of RSA 100A.

Mr. Karlon said the House Executive Departments & Administration (ED&A) Committee has scheduled public hearings on HB 30, HB 183, and HB 193 were scheduled for next week.

He said that there were 16 additional Legislative Services Requests (LRS) that referenced NHRS in the title, but the text of those proposals was not yet public. Based on the titles of some of the LSRs, he speculated that some LSRS were likely repeats of previous proposals from recent years. that did not advance. He commented on the large number of similarly titled bills regarding Group II members only.

A brief discussion of the 2023 legislative calendar ensued.

Executive Director Goodwin reported that she and Mr. Karlon would be giving an orientation presentation to the House ED&A Committee on Monday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Karlon,
Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs