

Note: These minutes from the July 27, 2022, Legislative Committee meeting were approved at the October 5, 2022, Legislative Committee meeting.

**NHRS Legislative Committee of the Board of Trustees
July 27, 2022
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: Scott Myers, Chair, Sue Hannan, Ken Merrifield.

Other Trustees attending: Germano Martins (via videoconference).

Staff: Jan Goodwin, *Executive Director* (via videoconference); Marty Karlon, *Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs* (via videoconference); Mark Cavanaugh, *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer* (via videoconference); Diana Crichton, *Hearings Examiner* (via videoconference).

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Having established a quorum, Chair Myers called for a motion to accept the Committee minutes of April 12, 2022. On a motion by Trustee Hannan, seconded by Trustee Merrifield, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes, as presented.

Chair Myers opened the meeting and asked Mr. Karlon to provide information on staff proposals for 2023 legislation.

Mr. Karlon began by outlining the Board of Trustees' statutory authority to seek legislation "in order to better serve the members of the system." He noted that in 2014, the Board endorsed a large number of administrative proposals, most of which were ultimately adopted by the Legislature. He said that the identification earlier this spring of a statute that was in conflict with Federal law and needed to be modified spurred a staff discussion regarding potential changes to RSA 100-A to clarify other ambiguous passages and address contradictory references in different sections to the law. He asked Attorney Cavanaugh to walk the Committee through the items that staff had identified.

Attorney Cavanaugh provided an overview of the eight proposed changes, noting that they had minimal or no policy implications and would have no effect on what is earnable compensation or the calculation of benefits.

Trustee Hannan asked about the impact of coordinating the language in RSA 100-A:1, VI regarding teacher job share to match the more specific used in RSA 100-A:4, III-b. Attorney Cavanaugh answered that NHRS has always followed the more specific statute and the change would have no impact on current practices.

Trustee Merrifield asked for confirmation that the proposal to strike repetitive language regarding early retirement for members hired on or after July 1, 2011 from RSA 100-A: 5 did not remove all references. Attorney Cavanaugh replied that the language remained in the statute, and the proposal was only intended to remove unnecessary redundancy. He said he would provide the full statute to the Committee via email for additional confirmation.

Following review of the proposed changes, Chair Myers asked for a motion to recommend to the full Board that it support draft legislation prepared by staff to make technical corrections to RSA 100-A. The motion was made by Trustee Merrifield and seconded by Trustee Hannan. The Committee then voted unanimously to support the motion.

Chair Myers next opened discussion on the annual review of the Committee charter. He said the charter was last revised in September 2019 and that staff had no suggested revisions. Committee members did not propose any changes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Karlon,
Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs