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MINUTES

March 8, 2012

Wisconsin Retirement Board
State of Wisconsin



Location:

State Revenue Building – Events Room
2135 Rimrock Road, Madison, WI

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Koessler, Chair
John David, Vice-Chair
Mary Von Ruden, Secretary

Daniel Schwartzer for Ted Nickel
Herbert Stinski
Steven Wilding

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jamie Aulik

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS (ETF) STAFF:

Bob Conlin, Secretary
Rob Marchant, Deputy Secretary

Matt Stohr, Division of Retirement Services
Cindy Gilles, Board Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT:

ETF Office of the Secretary: David Nispel
ETF Division of Management Services:
Pam Henning
ETF Division of Insurance Services: Marcia
Blumer, Deb Roemer
ETF Division of Retirement Services: Anne
Boudreau
ETF Office of Budget and Trust Finance:
Jerry Dietzel, Bob Willett

ETF Board Members: William Ford,
Kimberly Hall, Robert Niendorf,
ETF & TR Board Members: Michael
Langyel, Daniel Nerad, David Wiltgen
TR Board Member: Susan Harrison
Office of Employee Relations: Paul
Ostrowski
Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company: Norm
Jones

Wayne Koessler, Chair, Wisconsin Retirement (WR) Board (Board), called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Von Ruden moved approval of the December 1, 2011, minutes of the Board meeting as submitted by the Board Liaison. Mr. Stinski seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Mr. Stinski moved to elect the current slate of officers. Mr. Wilding seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF WR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN INVESTMENT BOARD

Mr. Koessler stated Mr. David Stella is currently serving as the WR Representative on the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB). Mr. Conlin confirmed the Secretary of the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) has traditionally been appointed to serve as the WR Representative on SWIB, which ensures the tie between ETF and SWIB remains strong and consistent. Mr. Stella's term expires in May 2012. However, given SWIB has a new incoming Executive Director and multiple new appointees to the SWIB Board of Trustees, Mr. Conlin suggested it may be beneficial to keep Mr. Stella in his role for the next year to ensure continuity for SWIB and review the appointment in one year. Mr. Stella is willing to serve one additional year.

The Board took no action at this time and will review the appointment in one year.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Ms. Roemer referred the Board to the annual disability annuity statistics memo (Ref. WR | 3.8.12 | 5A) and provided the following statistics:

- ETF completed disability benefit estimates for 680 participants.
- 40.63 Disability retirement benefits were started for 201 participants, of which 147 were under WR Board jurisdiction.
- Of the 147 participants, 52 selected the benefit option of "100% continued to named survivor (joint survivor) with 180 payments guaranteed".
- 22% of participants selected "life annuity with 180 payments guaranteed."
- 54% of WR Board disability annuities started were for females and 46% for males.
- The Disability Programs Bureau processed 166 applications under WR Board jurisdiction.
 - 90% or 148 applications were approved.
 - 4% or 7 applications were denied. Of those denied applications, three were because the employer did not certify; three were determined not to be a total and permanent disability; and one did not meet years of service requirements.

- 6% were cancelled/voided/withdrawn/invalid. These included return to work issues, still working at time of benefit application, or applied for a benefit but had already taken a regular retirement.
- 38% of the total applications under WR Board jurisdiction were for participants aged 51-55; 30% were for participants aged 56-60; and 16% were for participants aged 56-50.
- 76% of the applications had one of five disabilities: orthopedic (24%), cancer (14%), multiple medical problems (14%), neurology (14%), and mental illness (10%).

Ms. Roemer confirmed ETF continues to review the application process and make improvements when possible which has led to a decrease in the average length of time it takes to process applications.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No future items for discussion were mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. David moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Von Ruden seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Mary Von Ruden, Secretary
Wisconsin Retirement Board