# TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECEMBER 17, 2018

### Minutes of Meeting:

After giving proper notice of a regular quarterly meeting and a quorum being present, Chair Ron Sanders called the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky Board of Trustees to order at 10 a.m., Monday, December 17, 2018, in the boardroom of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, 479 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky.

## Members present:

Ron Sanders, Chair
Alison Wright, Vice Chair
John Boardman
Hollis Gritton
Lynn Patterson
Laura Schneider
Josh Underwood
Allison Ball, State Treasurer
Charles Harman, proxy for the Commissioner of Education

### Others present:

Gary L. Harbin, Teachers' Retirement System
Robert Barnes, Teachers' Retirement System
Eric Wampler, Teachers' Retirement System
Tom Siderewicz, Teachers' Retirement System
Karen Ashby, Teachers' Retirement System
Mark Whelan, Teachers' Retirement System
Greg Hall, Teachers' Retirement System
Nate Van Sickel, Teachers' Retirement System
Jane Gilbert, Teachers' Retirement System
Felicia Penn, Teachers' Retirement System
Noah Friend, Office of the State Treasurer
Chuck Truesdell, Legislative Research Commission

1. Reports for Consent: Mr. Wampler reviewed the draft minutes of the September 17, 2018, quarterly Board of Trustees meeting; the special Board of Trustees meeting held November 19, 2018; the Governance and Audit Committee meetings held September 17, 2018, and November 13, 2018; and the Personnel Committee meeting held November 19, 2018. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the minutes.

<u>Board Action</u>: The board considered the minutes of the September 17, 2018, quarterly Board of Trustees meeting; the special Board of Trustees meeting held November 19, 2018; the Governance and Audit Committee meetings held September 17, 2018, and November 13, 2018; and the Personnel Committee meeting held November 19, 2018. Upon motion duly made by Ms.

Schneider and seconded by Mr. Boardman, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

<u>Applications for Retirement and Annuity, Survivor Benefits, Life Insurance Benefits and Refunds</u>: Mr. Wampler reported to the board regarding benefit payments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of benefit payments.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gritton and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the board approved the applications for retirement and annuity, survivor benefits, life insurance benefits and refunds as reported.

<u>Interim Financial Statements</u>: The board considered the report on the interim financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. The report was informational, and the board took no action on the interim financial statements.

2. <u>Report of the Investment Committee</u>: Mr. Siderewicz reported to the board concerning the activities of the Investment Committee and investment performance for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, and the special meeting of the Investment Committee held November 27, 2018.

Chair Sanders asked for questions or comments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of the Investment Committee.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Mr. Boardman and seconded by Ms. Schneider, the board unanimously voted to accept and ratify the report of the Investment Committee.

3. Report of the Governance and Audit Committee: Mr. Van Sickel reported that the Governance and Audit Committee met in special session on November 13, 2018. The committee accepted the pension and OPEB valuations as of June 30, 2018, as presented by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting (CavMac). The committee also reviewed the reports by CavMac on GASB Statements Nos. 67 and 74 as of June 30, 2018. Additionally, the committee accepted the report on the audit of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, as presented by Blue and Co.. Blue and Co. also reported on internal controls and compliance at TRS and reviewed the auditor's communication.

Chair Sanders asked for questions or comments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of the Governance and Audit Committee.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Ms. Wright and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the board unanimously voted to accept and ratify the report of the Governance and Audit Committee.

4. <u>Report of the Personnel Committee</u>: Ms. Wright reported that the Personnel Committee met in special session on November 19, 2018, to review the performance of the executive secretary. The Personnel Committee recommended that the full board amend the contract with the executive secretary replacing the current four-year term with a four-year term from January 1, 2019,

through December 31, 2022. Additionally, the executive secretary should receive the same salary increases as applies to state employees.

Chair Sanders asked for questions or comments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of the Personnel Committee.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Ms. Schneider and seconded by Mr. Boardman, the board unanimously voted to accept and ratify the report of the Personnel Committee.

5. Report of the Legislative Committee: Mr. Barnes reported that the Legislative Committee met in special session prior to the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 17, 2018. Staff reported to the committee on housekeeping legislation for the 2019 regular session and other legislative matters. The Legislative Committee recommended that the board approve the housekeeping legislation for filing in the 2019 session of the General Assembly and authorize staff to work with stakeholders, including members of the General Assembly, on other legislation and issues impacting TRS, including informing all parties of the consequences of legislation that may have harmful effects on TRS and its members.

Chair Sanders asked for questions or comments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of the Legislative Committee.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Ms. Wright and seconded by Mr. Boardman, the board unanimously voted to accept and ratify the report of the Legislative Committee.

6. Report of the Scholarship Committee: Mr. Underwood reported that the Scholarship Committee met in special session prior to the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 17, 2018. The committee received a report on the background of the Junita Losey Scholarship Program and the investment strategy and cash flow of the scholarship fund. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that a \$2,000 yearly scholarship be granted to each of the eight public universities in Kentucky and a \$2,000 yearly scholarship to a Campbell County High School senior who intends to major in education at a Kentucky public university.

Chair Sanders asked for questions or comments. Chair Sanders asked the board to act on the report of the Scholarship Committee.

<u>Board Action</u>: Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gritton and seconded by Dr. Patterson, the board unanimously voted to accept and ratify the report of the Scholarship Committee.

7. Executive Secretary's Observations and Comments: Mr. Harbin reported to the board on the 2018 Award for Administration from the Public Pension Coordinating Council; the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada; meetings attended by the executive secretary; 2019 Board of Trustees meeting dates; and a recap of 2018. Mr. Harbin's report was informational, and the board took no action.

<u>Adjournment</u>: There being no further business to come before the board and by unanimous consent of the board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

We, the chair and the executive secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, do certify that the minutes of meeting were approved by the board on March 18, 2019.	
Ron Sanders, Chair	Gary L. Harbin, Executive Secretary
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Robert B. Barnes, Deputy Executive S and General Counsel	ecretary
	resent at the meeting and duly recorded the actions of the tirement System of the State of Kentucky at its meeting on
Felicia Penn Recording Secretary	