

TRS Board of Trustees
Minutes of Bimonthly Meeting
September 26, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia met in its bimonthly meeting on September 26, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in the TRS conference room, Two Northside 75, Atlanta, Georgia. Trustees present were Mr. J. Alvin Wilbanks, Chair, Dr. Jason L. Branch, Ms. Anne S. Cardella, Ms. Marion R. Fedrick, Mr. Greg S. Griffin, Mr. Steven N. McCoy, Mr. Thomas W. Norwood, Ms. Deborah K. Simonds, and Dr. William G. Sloan.

TRS staff members present were Dr. L. C. (Buster) Evans, Mr. T. Randall Dennis, Mr. R. Cory Buice, Mr. C. William Cary, Ms. K. Paige Donaldson, Ms. Lisa M. Hajj, Mr. Thomas A. Horkan, Ms. Dina N. Jones, Ms. Sonya M. Kinley, Ms. Laura L. Lanier, Mr. Michael K. Majure, Mr. J. Gregory McQueen, and Ms. Vonnie B. Stewart.

Ms. Shelley Seinberg and Mr. Bryan Webb were present as legal counsel.

Visitors in attendance were Mr. Rod Chatham, Mr. Sean DeVetter, Ms. Natalie Heath, Ms. Mary Lester, Mr. Dan Powers, Ms. Meaghan Ryan, Mr. Don Splinter, and Ms. Lauren Wilmer.

Mr. Wilbanks called the meeting to order. Mr. Wilbanks welcomed Mr. Norwood's return to the meetings and congratulated Ms. Fedrick on her new position as President of Albany State University and Dr. Branch on his reappointment to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wilbanks welcomed everyone present at the meeting.

Item 1

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt the July 18, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting minutes and the Investment Committee meeting minutes for July 18, 2018, and August 22, 2018. Ms. Simonds seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Item 2

Dr. Evans presented the Executive Director's Operational Status Update. Financial Services is in the final stage of the audit process. Over 220,000 2018 Annual Membership Statements will be available online by mid-October. TRS continues to have a low employee turnover rate. Leadership Development Institute Program (LDIP) kicked off on August 29, 2018, with 22 employees. Contact Management has instituted a new notification system that will notify the caller their position in the queue. Actively contributing membership numbers continue to increase. Rate of return has surpassed assumption rates for FY 2107 and 2018.

The September 1, 2018, benefit payroll showed 60% of retirees elected the maximum plan. There were 115,132 service retirees who received an average monthly benefit of \$3,298. Information updates for each division were reviewed.

Item 3

Mr. Dennis reported on the financial statements and expense fund as follows:

- 3.1 Assets restricted for pensions continued to increase and were \$77.9 billion as of August 31, 2018.
- 3.2 Total contributions received fiscal year-to-date as of August 2018, were \$493,168,564, up 19% from August 2017. Benefit payments made were \$821,360,512. Change in net position has increased over 100% since August 2017. Year-to-Date as of August 30, 2018, was \$2.4 billion compared to \$1 billion on August 30, 2017.

- 3.3 The expense fund remained under budget. Year-to-date with 17% of the year completed, TRS has expended 14.4%. Ms. Fedrick made a motion to approve the expense fund. Ms. Simonds seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Item 4

Dr. Evans presented the FY 2020 budget for final adoption. The budget was adopted on July 18, 2018, and submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by the September 1, 2018, deadline. There were no changes to the budget. Dr. Branch made a motion to adopt the FY 2020 budget. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Item 5

1. Mr. Wilbanks appointed an ad hoc committee to reevaluate the Executive Director Evaluation form. Members of the committee are Ms. Simonds, Chair, Ms. Fedrick, and Mr. Griffin.
2. Mr. Wilbanks announced there will be a meeting of the Administrative Procedures Committee after the November Board meeting.

Item 6

Mr. Wilbanks announced the Board would enter into executive session for a personnel discussion. Mr. Griffin made a motion to enter into executive session. Dr. Branch seconded the motion. Trustees Branch, Cardella, Fedrick, Griffin, McCoy, Norwood, Simonds, Sloan, and Wilbanks unanimously adopted the motion. The Trustees entered executive session at approximately 11:05 a.m. Mr. Webb and Ms. Stewart remained for the executive session. Mr. Wilbanks called Dr. Evans into the executive session at approximately 11:40 a.m.

The Board returned to open session. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilbanks adjourned the meeting.



J. Alvin Wilbanks
Chair



L. C. Evans
Executive Director