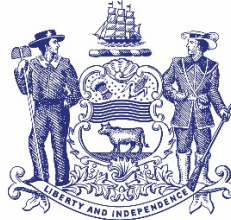


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**PENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2024**

Members Present:

David Taylor	DRSPA
Charlotte Lister	At Large
Karen Crouse	DSEA
Kevin Carson	DASA
Janice Vander Decker	DSNA
Mark Ryde	DSTA
Jim Testerman	Member at Large

Members Absent:

Joseph Malloy	WFD IAFF 1590
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Others Present:

Joanna Adams	Pension Administrator
Tammy LeCates	Executive Assistant
Patricia Davis	Attorney General's Office
Dave Craik	Retired Pension Administrator
Barbara Testerman	Guest

1. CALL TO ORDER:

D. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was given.

3. OPENING COMMENTS:

J. Testerman stated he has enjoyed the Council for 52 Years as he was the first appointment.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

No additions were made to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2024 MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes as written by C. Lister, seconded by M. Ryde.

6. Co-CHAIRMEN'S REPORT:

K. Crouse reported that she was disappointed that DSEA had not worked with us in getting a bill introduced for the changes we were seeking in how organizations/groups can be reinstated to the council. J. Adams did state that DSEA had contacted her about this.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. House Bill 281 & 282 - We need to keep an eye on these 2 bills as we are concerned about their passage. Bill 281 is not allowing Medicare Advantage Plans and Bill 282 is the composition of the SEBC.

2. House Bill 289 – This would increase the death benefit from \$7000 to \$8000. This is still in committee. This bill is stuck in the House Appropriations Committee. The sponsor thinks it will move however another contact does not foresee it going anywhere.

3. House Bill 330 – Annual Appropriations – This bill calls for 1% of the state payroll to prefund health benefits.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. House Bill 375 & 376 – Hearings will be held on Wednesday. HB 375 is to classify eligibility for state benefits. HB 376 deals with the coordination of benefits regarding Double State Share.

2. House Bill 377 – This will give future retirees the option to select a Medicare Advantage plan and will go into effect on 1/1/2025

3. DEFAC – They will meet on Monday, June 17, 2024. May showed an increase in revenue of 84.6 million dollars.

4. Legislation to reinstate organization representatives to the Pension Advisory Council – D. Taylor has spoken to Taylor Hawk and K. Crouse has emailed Taylor Hawk about this issue. D. Taylor asked if anyone had any connections with the groups, we do not currently have representation from. We reviewed the draft that Jason Staib created for us. K. Lister stated if this bill is passed and signed, we need to write letters to groups inviting them to write a letter to us to be reinstated.

5. Janice Vander Decker – J. Vander Decker announced that she is retiring. She stated she is glad she joined this group and has learned a great deal. J. Vander Decker found a replacement for DSNA.

8. PENSION ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

J. Adams reported they are moving forward with the New ERP Modernization System. She reported on possible Pension increases and she gave two scenarios.

Scenario #1
20 years or more 2% increase
10 – 20 years 1% increase
Under 10 years – no increase

Scenario #2
20 years or more 2% increase
5 to 20 years 1%
Under 5 years 0%

Ms. Adams stated it is law that a larger percentage of the increase is to go to those retired 20 years or more.

9. JAMES TESTERMAN RECOGNITION:

Everyone went around the room and talked about the impact J. Testerman has had on this council and the number of lives he has touched. J. Adams shared the history of Executive Order 109 dated 8/25/1976 establishing this group to include 12 groups. J. Adams presented tributes on behalf of the Senate and the House of Representatives. We then celebrated with lite refreshments.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

C. Lister motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m., seconded by M. Ryde. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


David M. Taylor (Aug 8, 2024 13:29 EDT)

David Taylor, Chair
Pension Advisory Council