



Louisiana State Police Retirement System (LSPRS)

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Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title	LSPRS Board Meeting
Date of Meeting	September 18, 2022 (Wednesday)
Where	New Orleans Marriot - 555 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130
Start Time	Immediately Upon Adjournment of the Investment Committee

- 1) Tausha Facundus, Retirement Benefits Specialist, called roll as follows:

Colonel Lamar Davis, Superintendent, Office of State Police, Appearing Through Frank Besson, Designee for Superintendent, PRESENT
Commissioner Jay Dardenne, Division of Administration, Appearing Through Andrea Hubbard, Designee for DOA Commissioner, PRESENT
Representative Vanessa LaFleur, Representing the House Committee on Retirement, PRESENT
Chris LeDay, President, Central State Troopers Coalition, PRESENT
Kevin Marcel, Active Representative, Vice-Chairman, PRESENT
Senator Ed Price, Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee, Appearing Through Representative Cleo Fields, Designee for Senator, NOT PRESENT
Doris Prudhomme, Surviving Spouse Representative, NOT PRESENT
Treasurer John Schroder, Appearing Through Amy Mathews, Designee for State Treasurer, PRESENT
Walter W. Smith, Retiree Representative, PRESENT
Hackley Willis, Jr., LSTA President, PRESENT
Alan Verhoef, Retired/Active Representative, PRESENT

The records reflect that the following persons were also present:

Alana Perrin
Robin Landa, UBS/Paine Webber
Rob Bickham, Rob Bickham, UBS Institutional Consulting
Gregory Curran, Actuary, G.S Curran & Co
Racheal Alvey, Griffin & Furman, LLC
Margaret Michel, LSPRS Assistant Director
Denise Akers, General Counsel, Akers & Wisbar
Tausha Facundus, LSPRS Retirement Benefits Specialist

- 2) Margaret Michel introduced the newest Board member, Alan Verhoef, who will serve in the retired/active representative position.
- 3) A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcel to approve the Board Minutes from the August 3, 2022, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative LaFleur. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit A - attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve the Executive Committee Minutes from the August 10, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit B - attached**).

The Board was asked to view the Executive Committee Minutes from August 18, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve the Executive Committee Minutes, notwithstanding salary, from the August 18, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit C - attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve the salary of the Acting Executive Director as stated Executive Committee Minutes from the August 18, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. Amy Mathews objected mentioning that, as the Treasurer's representative, he believed the salary should be around \$130,000.00.

A vote for the approved salary as stated in the Executive Committee Minutes was as follows:

Amy Matthews: No
Andrea Hubbard: Yes
Frank Besson: Yes
Representative Vanessa LaFleur: Yes
Chris LeDay: Yes
Kevin Marcel: Yes
Hackley Willis: Yes
Walter Smith: Yes
Alan Verhoef: Yes

The motion passed.

- 4) Racheal Alvey, Griffin & Co., LLC, presented the Cash Disbursements for the month ending July 31, 2022, noting nothing unusual other than that it was a three pay-period month. The total disbursements for July were \$228,138.88. (**See Exhibit D-attached**).

Ms. Alvey then reviewed the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position/Balance Sheet for the month ending July 31, 2022, noting cash held in the bank was \$127,108, and Total Investments of \$1,032,943,249. Total Liabilities were at \$2,616,321 bringing the Net Position to \$1,032,867,391. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position/Income Statement was reviewed next. Ms. Alvey focused on the Fiscal Year-To-Date column with Total Revenues were at \$45,054,416.95. The Total Expenses were at \$8,077,622.13, bringing the Net Income to \$36,976,794.82. (**See Exhibit E-attached**).

Ms. Alvey reviewed the Budget Summary ending July 31, 2022, focusing on the last column, Over/Under Budget. Ms. Alvey noted nothing was unusual and stated that the Total Operating Budget was under budget \$323,941. (**See Exhibit F-attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Amy Mathews to accept the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed.

- 5) Ms. Michel discussed the Griffin & Co., LLC engagement letter for 2023-2026. The renewal would have the same terms as the previous contract. Fee services will be \$5,500.00 per month for fiscal year ending 2024 and \$6,000.00 per month for the fiscal years ending 2025 and 2026. (**See Exhibit G -attached**).

A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcel to approve the engagement letter. The motion was seconded by Hackley Willis. No opposition. The motion passed (**See Exhibit H -attached**).

- 6) A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to approve the Benefits Change Report, in globo. The motion was seconded by Amy Mathews. No opposition. The motion passed. **(See Exhibit I - attached)**.
- 7) Ms. Michel discussed the 2023 Board and Investment Committee Meeting Schedule. August 2023 and December 2023 meetings will be at 9:30 am and will be a joint investment committee and board meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Alan Verhoef to approve the meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Chris LeDay. No opposition. The motion passed **(See Exhibit J -attached)**.

- 8) A **MOTION** made by Kevin Marcel to discuss other business. The motion was seconded by Amy Mathews. No opposition. The motion passed.

In other business, Ms. Michel mentioned that the audit and valuation are on track. The draft financials have been turned in by the auditor and sent to Greg Curran, who reviews then sends back his draft valuation. It will then go back to the auditor. The audit is due to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on October 1, 2022, and we are scheduled to meet that date.

Regarding programming projects, Ms. Michel stated that the benefit calculator is complete, and payments have been sent to Greg Curran's office. The estimate programming output looks different than the output done by hand, but the troopers have been very receptive.

The pension management system, our internal retiree accounting system, is set to be revamped this year with new programming in January 2023.

Ms. Michel informed the Board regarding the COLA discussion update. A request was made by the Legislature to look at how the COLAs were funded to see if there was another way besides the experience account to fund it. The four state retirement systems have continued to meet for over a year in response to the legislature's request. At the moment, the proposal is an automatic funding by the employer, starting at 0.5% and work up to 2% of pay. For LSPRS, that is harder to maintain due to our volatile payroll system. Our UAL payments will drop off in the coming years, which will cause a drop in the percentage of payroll needed. COLA criteria would also change to 62 years old and 2 years retired. Ms. Michel stated that she will report back with new information that comes out regarding the proposal.

Ms. Michel informed the Board that LASERS has changed their hours from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM to 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. LSPRS would like to change their hours from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The new hours will be posted on the LSPRS website, the LSPRS doors, the phone automated message and on the October newsletter. No Board member voiced opposition.

- 9) A **MOTION** was made by Hackley Willis to **enter** Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Marcel. No opposition. The motion passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Kevin Marcel to **exit** Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alan Verhoef. No opposition. The motion passed.

No action following Executive Session was necessary.

- 10) A **MOTION** was made by Chris LeDay to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alan Verhoef. No opposition. The motion passed.



Frank Besson, Chairman
Louisiana State Police Retirement System
Board of Trustees