



CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

**Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
State Universities Retirement System
June 9, 2017, 9:50 a.m.
State Universities Retirement System
Northern Trust
Global Conference Center – 1st Floor
50 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL**

Upon motion by Trustee Dennis Cullen, second by Trustee John Engstrom, and a unanimous roll call vote, the SURS Board of Trustees went into closed session under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §2(c)(4) and §2(c)(1).

The following trustees were present: Mr. Tom Cross, Chair; Mr. Aaron Ammons, Mr. Mark Cozzi, Mr. Dennis Cullen, Dr. John Engstrom, Dr. Fred Giertz, Mr. Paul R. T. Johnson Jr., Mr. Craig McCrohon (via conference call); Ms. Dorinda Miller, Dr. Steven Rock and Mr. Antonio Vasquez.

Others present: Mr. Martin Noven, Executive Director; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson, Executive Assistant and Ms. Mary Pat Burns of Burke, Burns & Pinelli.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS

Ms. Mary Patricia Burns reported on the matter of the claim of Emily Walker, a disability benefit matter. Ms. Burns noted that after reviewing all of the evidence, she recommends that the decision of the Claims Panel be affirmed as being consistent with the law and the evidentiary facts. Discussion regarding the facts and findings of this matter continued and Ms. Burns addressed concerns raised by Trustee Engstrom. She assured both Trustee Engstrom and the committee that they should consider any and all evidence in the record prior to making a final decision.

RFP CONTRACT AWARDS

Ms. Mary Patricia Burns left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Bianca Green discussed two professional services contracts expiring at the end of June 2017; Fiduciary Counsel Ms. Mary Pat Burns and the Claims Panel Hearing Officer Mr. Dan Gaumer. Ms. Green presented information regarding the individuals and law firms that

responded to the RFP for outside counsel to serve as fiduciary counsel. Ms. Green shared the staff's recommendation for fiduciary counsel.

Ms. Mary Patricia Burns returned to the meeting after the committee completed its discussion regarding the Fiduciary Counsel RFP.

Ms. Green presented information regarding the individuals and law firms that responded to the RFP for outside counsel to serve as hearing officer for the SURS Claims Panel. She also noted that Mr. Gaumer is slowing down his practice to some extent but still wants to continue serving as the SURS hearing officer for the foreseeable future. If Mr. Gaumer is selected to continue serving as our hearing officer, Ms. Green noted that SURS needs to prepare for a seamless transition to a new hearing officer when he formally retires. Discussion regarding whether to add a second law firm to serve as a backup to Mr. Gaumer ensued.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Trustee Engstrom moved to resume the meeting in open session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paul R.T. Johnson and carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Noven', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Martin Noven
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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