



MINUTES

**Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Board of Trustees of the
State Universities Retirement System
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Via remote access only due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns**

The meeting on October 27, 2021, was conducted via video conference pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, the Governor’s Disaster proclamation dated Aug. 20, 2021, and Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act. The Chair of the SURS Board of Trustees, John Atkinson, determined that a full, in-person meeting was not practical nor prudent due to ongoing Covid-19 disaster concerns.

The following trustees were present via video conference (zoom): Dr. Fred Giertz; Mr. Scott Hendrie, Mr. Collin Van Meter and Mr. Mitch Vogel.

Others present: Ms. Suzanne Mayer, Interim Executive Director and Interim Secretary; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Heather Kimmons, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Annette Ackerman and Ms. Chelsea McCarty, Executive Assistants; Mr. Michael Calabrese of Foley and Larder; Ms. Carolyn Clifford of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd.

Executive Committee roll call attendance was taken. Trustee Atkinson, absent; Trustee Giertz, present; Trustee Lyons, absent; Trustee Van Meter, present; and Trustee Vogel, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Van Meter presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 10, 2021.

Trustee Vogel made the following motion:

- That the minutes from the September 10, 2021 Executive Committee meetings be approved as presented.

Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES

Trustee Van Meter presented the closed minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of September 10, 2021.

Trustee Giertz made the following motion:

- That the closed minutes from the September 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented and remain closed.

Trustee Vogel seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no chairperson report.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIM

Ms. Clifford provided a verbal the issue on appeal that was previously presented to the Executive Committee in the Andrew Troutt, Claimant (Marvin Troutt, *deceased*) matter. Ms. Clifford also presented the written record in the case that consists of 979 pages. All 979 pages of the record were admitted into evidence. Ms. Clifford encouraged the committee to go into closed session to deliberate on this pending matter.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Vogel moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	Absent
Trustee Giertz	-	Aye
Trustee Lyons	-	Absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	Aye
Trustee Vogel	-	Aye

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The committee resumed open session at 2:13 pm.

Ms. Clifford asked the trustees for their motion on the Andrew Troutt Claimant (Marvin Troutt *deceased*) matter.

Trustee Van Meter made the following motion:

- To affirm the decision of the SURS Claims Panel and Administrative staff, that found the Claimant, Andrew Troutt, is not entitled to receive SURS survivor benefits.

Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye

Trustee Van Meter made a second motion:

- To direct Ms. Carloyn Clifford, the board's attorney in this matter, to prepare written findings to reflect the Executive Committee decision which will be issued at a later date.

Trustee Vogel seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye

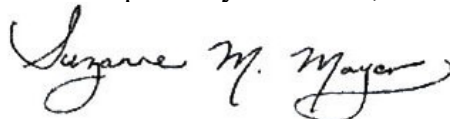
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented to the Executive Committee.

There was no further business before the committee and Trustee Giertz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vogel, and it passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Suzanne M. Mayer
Interim Executive Director and Interim Secretary, SURS Board of Trustees

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