



## **MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Trustees of the  
State Universities Retirement System  
Thursday, August 11, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Via remote access only due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns**

The meeting on August 11, 2022, was conducted via video conference pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, the Governor's Disaster proclamation dated July 22, 2022, 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. Collin Van Meter and Mr. Mitch Vogel.

Others present: Ms. Suzanne Mayer, Executive Director; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Heather Kimmons, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson, Executive Assistant; 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 June 2, 2022.

Trustee Vogel made the following motion:

- That the minutes from the June 2, 2022 Executive Committee meeting be approved with a reference to the fact that Trustee Vogel missed the meeting due to his attendance at the CII conference.

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

### **PRESENTATION OF CLAIM**

Attorney Carolyn Clifford provided a brief verbal summary of the issue on appeal in the Mauro Sardela matter that was previously taken under advisement by the committee. She likewise provided a summary of the issues on appeal in the Lori Kmiecik matter. Ms. Clifford reminded the committee they were allowed to go into closed session to deliberate on those pending matters and she encouraged them to do so.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Giertz moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session pursuant to §2(c)(4) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Van Meter 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 11:06 a.m.

Trustee Giertz made the following motion:

- That the findings and conclusions of the SURS Claims Panel in the matter of Mauro Sardela be affirmed and that a written order reflecting this decision be drafted by counsel and signed by the committee members voting in favor of the decision.

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

Trustee Vogel made the following motion:

- That the findings and conclusions of the Claims Panel in the matter of Lori Kmiecik be affirmed and that a written order reflecting this decision be drafted by counsel and signed by the committee members voting in favor of the decision.

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

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

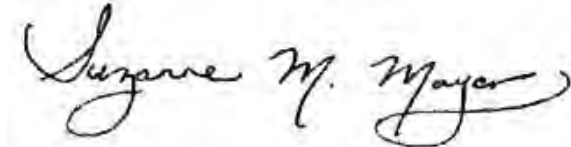
### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment presented to the Executive Committee.

There was no further business before the committee and Trustee Vogel moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Giertz, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Suzanne M. Mayer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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

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