



## **MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Trustees of the  
State Universities Retirement System  
Friday, March 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m.  
1901 Fox Drive – Main Conference Room – Champaign, IL  
\*Optional Remote Connection for Members of the Public\***

This meeting was held in-person at State Universities Retirement System, Champaign, IL

The following trustees were present: Dr. Fred Giertz, Mr. Scott Hendrie, Mr. John Lyons, and Mr. Collin Van Meter.

Others present: Ms. Suzanne Mayer, Executive Director; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson, Executive Assistant; Mr. Michael Calabrese of Foley & Lardner; Ms. Carolyn Clifford of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd., and Mr. John Schembari of Kutak Rock.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Lyons presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 1, 2023.

Trustee Lyons made the following motion:

- That the open session minutes from the June 1, 2023 Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed with all trustees present voting in favor.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee John Lyons did not have a chairperson's report.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE FITZGERALD CLAIM**

Attorney Carolyn Clifford provided a brief verbal summary of the issues on appeal *In Re the Claim of Robert Fitzgerald*, Case No. 2019-13. She admitted into evidence the full Administrative Record in the matter, which the committee received for review in advance of the hearing. Ms. Clifford reminded the committee members that they were allowed to go into closed session to deliberate on the evidence that the committee received in the matter, but that the committee's decision must be made in open session.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE JACKSON CLAIM**

Attorney Carolyn Clifford provided a brief verbal summary of the issues on appeal in *In Re the Claim of Cynthia Jackson*, Case No. 2022-13. She admitted into evidence the full Administrative Record in the matter, which the committee received for review in advance of the hearing. Ms. Clifford reminded the committee members that they were allowed to go into closed session to deliberate on the evidence that the committee received in the matter, but that the committee's decision must be made in open session.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Giertz moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session pursuant to §2(c)(4) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to deliberate on the cases presented. Trustee Hendrie seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The committee returned to open session at 3:17 p.m.

Trustee Giertz made the following motion:

- That the findings and conclusions of the Claims Panel in the matter of Robert Fitzgerald 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 Hendrie seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Van Meter made the following motion:

- That the findings and conclusions of the Claims Panel in the matter of Cynthia Jackson 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 Lyons seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments presented to the Executive Committee.

There was no further business before the committee and Trustee Hendrie moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Giertz, and it passed with all trustees present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Michael Calabrese, Foley & Lardner  
Fiduciary Counsel to SURS and its Board of Trustees

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