



MINUTES

**Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Board of Trustees of the
State Universities Retirement System
Friday, September 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
State Universities Retirement System
1901 Fox Dr. – Main Conference Room – Champaign, IL
*Optional Remote Connection for Members of the Public***

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

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

Others present: Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson, Ms. Chelsea McCarty, and Ms. Annette Ackerman, Executive Assistants; Mr. Michael Calabrese of Foley & Lardner; Ms. Carolyn Clifford of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo; and Mr. Patrick Sullivan of Featherstun, Gaumer, Stocks, Flynn & Eck.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lyons presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of June 6, 2024.

Trustee Hendrie made the following motion:

- That the open session minutes from the June 6, 2024, Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Vasquez seconded the motion which passed via all trustees present voting in favor of the motion.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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

PRESENTATION OF MAHMOOD GHASSEMI CLAIM

Attorney Carolyn Clifford provided a brief verbal summary of the issues on appeal *In Re the Claim of Mahmood Ghassemi*, Case No. 2022-06. She submitted 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 Hendrie moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session at pursuant to §2(c)(4) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Vasquez seconded, which passed via all trustees on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Hendrie	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	aye
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vasquez	-	aye

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Trustees resumed open session at 1:44 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF DOUGLAS CHAPMAN CLAIM

Attorney Carolyn Clifford provided a brief verbal summary of the issues on appeal *In Re the Claim of Douglas Chapman*, Case No. 203-16. She submitted 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 Hendrie moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session at pursuant to §2(c)(4) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Giertz seconded, which passed via all trustees on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Hendrie	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	aye
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vasquez	-	aye

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Trustees resumed open session at 2:09 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF MICHAEL SCHNEIDER CLAIM

Attorney Patrick Sullivan provided a brief verbal summary of the issues on appeal *In Re the Claim of Michael Schneider*, Case No. 2019-10. He submitted into evidence the full Administrative Record in the matter, which the committee received for review in advance of the hearing. Mr. Sullivan 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 Van Meter moved that the Executive Committee go into closed session at pursuant to §2(c)(4) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Hendrie seconded, which passed via all trustees on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Hendrie	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	aye
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vasquez	-	aye

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Trustees resumed open session at 3:09 p.m.

Trustee Giertz made the following motion:

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

Trustee Van Meter seconded the motion which passed via all trustees present voting in favor of the motion.

Trustee Vasquez made the following motion:

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

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

Trustee Hendrie made the following motion:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments presented to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURN

There was no further business brought before the committee and Trustee Hendrie moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vasquez, and it passed with all trustees present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Calabrese', is centered below the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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

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