

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**100 N Park, Rm 218**  
**Helena MT 59620**

**Board Legislative Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**  
**10:30 am**

Committee Members (present via telephone):

Dianna Porter, Chair  
John Nielsen  
Terrence Smith

Other Board Members (present via telephone):

Scott Moore  
Timm Twardoski

Staff:

Roxanne Minnehan  
Melanie Symons  
Barbara Quinn  
Patricia Davis  
Renaë Justice  
Mike O'Connor  
Jenny Weigand  
Flora Sebens

Public:

Ralph Pomnichowski (present via telephone)

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Public/Member Comment** – No public comment.

**III. Approval of February 15, 2011 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Board Legislative Committee meeting of February 15, 2011, were presented.

*Motion: Committee Member Terrence Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011, Board Legislative Committee meeting.*

*Second: Committee Member John Nielsen*

*Vote: 3/0*

**IV. Legislation Requiring Board Position**

A. **LC0492** – *Generally Revise Retirement Systems – Rep Wayne Stahl*

This bill is still in the drafting process. Ms. Minnehan had nothing new to report.

B. Other

## V. Legislation Update

- A. **HB 192** – *Adjust Exempt Retirement Amounts for Individual Income Tax – Rep Jerry O’Neil*  
This bill was amended on February 11, 2011, and is now in House Taxation Committee.
- B. **HB 231** – *Repeal Requirements for municipalities to Hire Career Paid Firefighters – Rep Randy Brodehl*  
Bill was referred to Senate Local Government on February 11, 2011.
- C. **SB 223** – *Revise Volunteer Firefighter Pensions – Sen Ryan Zinke*  
Bill has been transmitted to the House.
- D. **SB 328** – *Require PERS new hires to be in DC Plan – Sen Lewis*  
Bill has been referred to the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. No hearing has been scheduled yet.
- E. **LC0820 (HB 597)** – *Prohibit retired members from being members of SRS, GWPORS, PERS and TRS; increases member contributions for all members in PERS, SRS, GWPORS and TRS – Rep Scott Reichner*  
Bill is referred as the “double dipping bill” and was referred to the House State Administration Committee on February 18, 2011, but has not been scheduled for hearing yet.
- F. **LC1240** – *Creating an annuity benefit program and closing existing state public retirement systems – Rep Wayne Stahl*  
This bill is still in the drafting process. Ms. Minnehan had nothing new to report.
- G. **HB 197** – *Constitutional Amendment – Rep Brian Hoven*  
This bill was heard by the State Administration Committee and was tabled with a vote of 18 to 0 on February 16, 2011.

Ms. Melanie Symons mentioned that she has received requests for copies of the White Paper. She asked for feedback from the Board Legislative Committee members about releasing this document to the public. The Committee members indicated they did not have any concerns about this document being released to the public but wanted to seek approval from the full Board first.

***Motion: Committee Member John Nielsen moved to recommend the Public Employees Retirement Board release the White Paper to the public.***

***Second: Committee Member Terrence Smith***

***Vote: 3/0***

- H. **HB 317** – *Sunset Statutory Appropriations Over Certain Periods – Rep Rob Cook*  
This bill is still sitting in committee. Ms. Minnehan had nothing new to report.
- I. **SB 113** – *Transfer Statutory Excess Retirement Funds in Trust by School Districts to TRS/PERS – Senator Larry Jent*  
The bill has passed the Committee and Floor with amendments and was transmitted to the House on February 22, 2011.

- J. **SB 229** – *Revise Laws Relating to State-Tribal Coop Agreements Act and PERS* – Jon Sonju  
The bill was transmitted to the House on February 17, 2011.
- K. **SB 120** – *Publishing of Appointed Members to all State Agency Boards* – Rep. John Brenden  
The bill was referred to the House State Administration on February 9, 2011.
- L. **LC2018** (HB 508) – *Require Payment of Partial Salary to Injured Rural Firefighter* – Rep. Mary McNally  
This bill was transmitted to the Senate on February 22, 2011.

## **VI. PERB Legislation**

- A. **HB 70** – *General Revisions Bill* – Rep. Mike Menahan  
This bill was referred to the Senate State Administration on February 21, 2011, and has not been scheduled for hearing yet.
- B. **HB 85** – *Working Retiree Bill* – PERS, SRS, FURS – Rep. Franke Wilmer  
This bill was tabled on February 15, 2011, in the House State Administration.
- C. **HB 119** – *VFCA Revision Bill* – Rep. Gordon Hendrick  
This bill was referred to the Senate State Administration on February 15, 2011, and has not been scheduled for hearing yet. It has been classified as a Revenue bill with a transmittal date of March 30, 2011.
- D. **HB 122** – *PERS Funding Bill* – Rep. Sue Malek  
The bill was amended to remove employer contribution funding and passed the House State Administration Committee with amendment on February 15, 2011. It has not passed the floor yet. This bill was identified as a House Appropriations bill and was given a new transmittal date of March 11, 2011.
- E. **HB 134** – *GWPORS Funding Bill* – Rep. Carolyn Squires  
This bill was also amended to remove employer contribution funding and passed the House Administration Committee with amendments on February 15, 2011. It passed the floor and was referred to the Senate State Administration on February 21, 2011. It has not been scheduled for a hearing yet.
- F. **HB 135** – *SRS Funding Bill* – Rep. Carolyn Squires  
The bill was amended to remove employer contribution funding and passed the House Administration Committee with amendments on February 15, 2011. It has not passed the floor yet. This bill has been classified as a Revenue bill with a transmittal date of March 30, 2011.

## **Discussion Items**

### **VII. Other Retirement Legislation**

- A. Utah Hybrid Plan  
Ms. Minnehan had nothing to report on the Utah Hybrid Plan.

### **VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by Chairwoman Dianna Porter. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.**