



## MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Trustees of the  
State Universities Retirement System  
Monday, June 21, 2021, 2:00 p.m.  
Via remote access only due to COVID-19 statewide restrictions**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Universities Retirement System convened on June 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via zoom (video conference) based on the Executive Order allowing the Open Meetings Act to allow public meetings to be conducted via phone or video conference.

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, Interim Executive Director and Interim Secretary; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Mr. Albert Lee, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Heather Kimmons, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson and Ms. Annette Ackerman, Executive Assistants; Mr. Michael Calabrese of Foley and Larder; Ms. Carolyn Clifford of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd; and Mr. Christopher Gorman and Mr. Joseph Perkoski of Robbins Schwartz.

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

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no chairperson report.

### PRESENTATION OF CLAIM

Ms. Carolyn Clifford made an introduction and outlined the employer appeal being heard today between SURS staff and Rock Valley College. Ms. Clifford presented the record for this matter consisting of 116 pages; all 116 pages of the record were admitted.

Mr. Albert Lee summarized the issues being considered. Mr. Joseph Perkoski of Robbins Schwartz presented the case on behalf of Rock Valley College and Mr. Albert Lee presented the case on behalf of SURS. Trustees posed questions from both parties before deliberating in closed session.

### CLOSED SESSION

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

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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Executive Committee resumed open session at 5:11 p.m.

Trustee Giertz made the following motion:

- To affirm the decision of SURS Senior Claims Manager Jennifer Bartell and SURS staff in the Rock Valley College employer appeal.

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

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

Trustee Van Meter then made the following motion:

- To direct the outside legal counsel to prepare the written findings and decision that reflects today's decision to be issued by the Executive Committee at a later date.

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

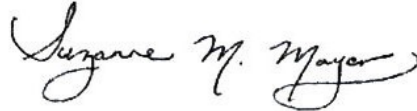
There was no public comment presented to the Executive Committee.

There was no further business before the committee and Trustee Giertz moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vogel which passed via the roll call vote referenced below:

Trustee Atkinson	-	absent
Trustee Giertz	-	aye

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne M. Mayer". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

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

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