

**Ohio Retirement Study Council
88 East Broad Street, Suite 1175
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**Minutes
July 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wachtmann at approximately 9:10 a.m. in room 116, the Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio.

The following members attended the meeting:

Voting members

David Burke
Shannon Jones
Charleta B. Tavares
Dan Ramos
Lora Miller
Lynn Wachtmann

Non-voting members

Mark Atkeson
Karen Carraher
John Gallagher
Lisa Morris
Mike Nehf
Susan Walker

Absent

Seth Morgan
Kirk Schuring

Staff

Bethany Rhodes
Jeff Bernard
Ashley Wilson

There being a quorum present, Chairman Wachtmann asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Wachtmann asked Ms. Walker to discuss the Attorney General Opinion Request regarding the authority to raise the mitigation rate that applies to alternative retirement plans under R.C. 171.07 and 3305.06. She reviewed the request from the Chairman. Sen. Jones moved that the opinion request be ratified by the Council. The motion was seconded by Rep. Ramos.

The Council voted on the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

YES: Chairman Wachtmann	Vice-Chair Jones
Sen. Tavares	Rep. Ramos
Rep. Schuring	Ms. Miller

Chairman Wachtmann asked Ms. Rhodes to discuss the operating budget (HB 59) language pertaining to ORSC and the public retirement systems. Ms. Rhodes

reviewed those changes. She noted that a copy of the language was provided to each member.

Chairman Wachtmann asked about operating budget changes to OPERS membership determinations. Dir. Carraher reviewed those changes, noting that as part of the agreement OPERS will be providing information through a number of major Ohio newspapers. Dir. Carraher noted that the changes relate to the time a member is required to request a determination from OPERS.

Chairman Wachtmann asked Dir. Atkeson to update the members on the HPRS Board Travel Policy. Dir. Atkeson said that the policy had been submitted to ORSC, and that it complied with the changes requested by ORSC. Chairman Wachtmann expressed his appreciation for their effort on those changes.

Chairman Wachtmann asked Dir. Morris to update the members on the SERS Board Travel Policy. Dir. Morris said that she was very happy to submit a travel policy that complied with requests made by ORSC. She noted that the policy passed with a wide margin at the SERS board meeting. Chairman Wachtmann thanked Dir. Morris for her perseverance on the changes.

Chairman Wachtmann moved to the next item on the agenda and asked Dir. Carraher to discuss OPERS experience with long term care (LTC) insurance. Dir. Carraher explained that the Revised Code requires the system to offer a LTC policy. She explained that the current carrier for the policy will no longer be covering new members, though current members will continue to be covered. She noted that no other carriers responded to an RFP to offer the coverage. The Chairman asked how many members elect coverage. She said approximately 1 in 96. Ms. Miller asked what LTC policies cost. Dir. Carraher said that she didn't know the amount, but that she could follow up for that answer. She noted that members pay 100% of the cost of coverage. Sen. Tavares noted the lack of participation and that more education for the members was needed to make them aware of benefits of LTC. Dir. Carraher agreed and said that it is not pushed because it is a voluntary program.

Chairman Wachtmann asked Dir. Morris, Dir. Gallagher, and Dir. Atkeson to discuss their LTC experience. Each noted that, though LTC is required to be offered to their members by statute, an insurance carrier willing to provide the coverage has not been found.

Chairman Wachtmann moved a motion to modify the Revised Code so that the system are permitted, rather than required, to offer LTC coverage, and Sen. Jones seconded the motion.

The Council voted on the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

YES: Chairman Wachtmann Vice-Chair Jones
 Sen. Tavares Rep. Ramos
 Rep. Schuring Ms. Miller

Chairman Wachtmann asked Mr. Bernard to discuss rules submitted to ORSC. Mr. Bernard reviewed the rules and confirmed that all were in compliance with the Revised Code.

Chairman Wachtmann also asked Mr. Bernard for an update on OP&F Rule 742-3-05. Mr. Bernard stated that he has been in contact with Mary Beth Foley at OP&F on the issues of concern to ORSC staff, and he anticipates a response from OP&F after the next OP&F board meeting in August.

Chairman Wachtmann asked Ms. Rhodes if there was any old or new business. Ms. Rhodes stated that at the June 13th meeting, Rep. Schuring requested more information on line item 151 (Organization dues) of the ORSC budget. Ms. Rhodes explained that it was difficult to find any documentation as to why the specific amount of \$7,300 amount was set, but she did note that it was set in 2009 and that ORSC had exceeded the previous amounts in the past.

Ms. Rhodes also responded to a request from Rep. Ramos at the June 13th meeting about the possibility of subletting the ORSC office. Ms. Rhodes explained that she had consulted with the AG's office and a sublet would be possible under the current contract; however, it would be at the landlord's approval and ORSC would continue to have liability. Chairman Wachtmann clarified that ORSC was indeed stuck with the current long-term lease. Ms. Rhodes said that was correct. The Chairman stated that this situation further highlights the need to be diligent with decision making.

Chairman Wachtmann asked if the next Council meeting time could be pushed to 9:30 a.m. Sen. Tavares stated that she had a scheduling conflict with that time. Chairman Wachtmann said that the Council would continue to meet at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:37 a.m.

Date approved

Lynn Wachtmann, Chair

Secretary

Shannon Jones, Vice Chair