

Minutes of the Meeting of September 25, 2009
of the
MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

I. Regular Matters of Business

Chairman Jeff Wulfson presided at this regular meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board ("the Board"). Also in attendance were: Vice Chair Linda Ruberto, Ellen Hargraves, Karen A. Mitchell, John A.M. Dow, Jr., Emily D. Cousens, Nicola Favorito, Executive Director Joan Schloss, Deputy Executive Director Erika Glaster, Assistant Executive Director Sean Neilon, Director of Strategic Planning and Project Management Office Susan Morgan, General Counsel James Salvie, and Executive Assistant Helen Petruzzello.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Wulfson.

II. First Business Section

Susan Morgan, Director of Strategic Planning and Project Management Office, introduced members of the Vitech team: Chris Lodge, Vice President of Operations and Brian McKinney, Project Manager. Also attending the meeting were members of KPMG LLP, the Oversight Project Management Consultants: Manolet Dayrit, Engagement Partner, Ben Lott, Project Manager, and Andrew Flewelling, Senior Analyst as well as Lisa Maloney, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Project Management Office.

Susan Morgan and Andrew Flewelling updated the Board on the status of MyTRS and the method behind arriving at the revised timeline for the project. The Board questioned whether staff involvement with quality assurance may delay retirement processing. Staff assured the Board that processing retirements in a timely manner will continue to be the utmost priority.

Brian McKinney presented the MyTRS Quarterly Status Report, detailing accomplishments and upcoming activities. He also presented strategies to prevent possible risks in future project areas. The Board asked questions regarding delay and timeline expectations. Chris Lodge, Director of Operations, verified that typically a delay of six to twelve months can be expected and is not unusual.

Next, Andrew Flewelling offered the OPM Quarterly Status Report and verified that he has seen, in a project of this size, a delay of up to two years. He confirmed that, with good, strong, aggressive management of schedule adherence, the revised timeline is reasonable. Mr. Flewelling answered questions from the Board regarding his opinion of the progress of the project.

At approximately 10:12 a.m. the representatives from Vitech and KPMG LLP and Ms. Maloney left the meeting. An informal discussion followed the presentation on regular matters of business and upcoming Board meeting material. The minutes of the previous Board meeting, held on August 28, 2009, were reviewed and approved as submitted, on a motion by Ms. Hargraves, and seconded by Mr. Dow. The motion carried 7 – 0.

VOTED: The Open and Executive Session minutes of the Board meeting held on August 28, 2009, are hereby approved as submitted.

At approximately 10:38 a.m., Chairman Wulfson announced that the Board would take a brief recess to allow for the arrival of the constituent representatives.

III. Second Business Section

The Board reconvened at approximately 11:00 a.m. and Chairman Wulfson welcomed invited speakers: Michael Travaglini, Executive Director of PRIM, and James Lamenzo, Actuary, PERAC. Also welcomed were representatives of the various constituent groups: Paul Andrews and Thomas Scott of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Marie Ardito and Jim Lucia of the Massachusetts Retirees United, Michael Canavan of the American Federation of Teachers -Massachusetts, John Flannagan, Jr. of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Donald McCallion of the Massachusetts Association of School Personnel Administrators, Bill Rehrey of the Retired State, County, and Municipal Employees Association, Glenn Koocher of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, and Charles Stefanini of the Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts.

PRIM Executive Director Michael Travaglini presented to the Board and constituent representatives an update on the position of the PRIT Fund and the impact of the current financial market conditions, including the residual effects of 2008. Mr. Travaglini responded to questions from the Board and constituent representatives.

PERAC Actuary James Lamenzo reviewed a draft of the PERAC Actuarial Valuation Report as of January 1, 2009, and the recommendations of the PERAC Actuarial Advisory Committee. Questions were answered by Mr. Lamenzo and discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 1:20 p.m. Candace Hall, President of Massachusetts Association of School Personnel Administrators joined the meeting in the afternoon to replace Don McCallion, who left the meeting.

IV. Third Business Section

James Salvie, General Counsel and Erika Glaster, Deputy Executive Director illustrated the effects of the Pension Reform Act of 2009, including service purchase, dual member and regular compensation changes, on various hypothetical scenarios. They answered questions from Board members and constituent representatives.

V. Fourth Business Section

Executive Director Joan Schloss and Assistant Executive Director Sean Neilon presented the findings of The Special Commission to Study Massachusetts Contributory Retirement Systems and provided the preliminary list of recommendations of consideration for reform. A discussion followed with various representatives expressing their views and opinions.

Chairman Wulfson thanked the speakers and constituents for their participation and valuable additions to the discussions, and welcomed their continued participation in the future.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Dow and seconded by Ms. Ruberto, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Schloss, Executive Director

Date