



2023 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD MOTIONS

NO JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Kerrie Vanden Bosch stated the first item of business was election of the Board's Officers for 2023. Ms. Vanden Bosch conducted the election for Chairperson. Nominations were declared open. John Ogden nominated Michael Brown for Chairperson of the Retirement Board for 2023; supported by Kyle Lewis. Motion carried.

Chairperson Brown conducted the election for Vice-Chair. Nominations were declared open. Mike Gilmore nominated Jason Sarata for Vice-Chairperson of the Retirement Board for 2023; supported by James Wiersma. Motion carried.

Discussion of Board Applicants

The Board recognized Carrie Lombardo for her resignation from service to MERS as well as Andrea Herman for her retirement from the MERS Board. In addition, the board discussed potential board members to fill Ms. Herman's seat. After discussion James Wiersma moved to appoint Keith Van Beek; supported by Jason Sarata. Motion carried.

Investment Policy Statements for Institutional Funds and Participant Directed Accounts and Investment Guidelines

Mr. Burns reminded the Board of the revisions to the Investment Policy Statements for Defined Benefit, Investment Policy Statements for Institutional Funds and Participant Directed Accounts, and Investment Guidelines presented at the December 1, 2022 meeting, and it is now time to approve the revisions. Three motions were presented:

Mr. Wiersma made a motion to approve the recommended revisions to the Investment Policy Statement for Defined Benefit; supported by Kyle Lewis. Motion carried.

Mr. Wiersma made a motion to approve the recommended revisions to the Investment Policy Statement for Institutional Funds and Participant Directed Accounts; supported by John Ogden. Motion carried.

Ms. Herman made a motion to approve the recommended revisions to the Investment Policy Guidelines; supported by Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 22-03; MOAHR No. 22-002646

Ms. Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review and discussion, Ms. Herman made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Ms. Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.



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Contested Case MERS No. 22-04; MOAHR No. 22-003244

Ms. Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review and discussion, Mr. Sarata a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Ms. Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.

NO MARCH 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

APRIL 27, 2023 BOARD MEETING

MERS Plan Document Amendments

Patricia Tarini discussed her Memorandum recommending changes to MERS Plan Document pursuant to SECURE 2.0. After review, Jim Wiersma made a motion to approve the recommended amendments to the Plan Document and direct staff to make all necessary revisions to the System's forms, policies, and procedures; supported by Ms. Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.

Ms. Tarini also discussed her Memorandum recommending technical amendments to MERS Plan Document. After review, Kyle Lewis made a motion to approve the recommended amendments to the Plan Document and direct staff to make all necessary revisions to the System's forms, policies, and procedures; supported by Mr. Gilmore. Motion carried.

Request for Declaratory Judgment - Village of Dundee

Ms. Bellar presented a summary of information provided to the Board regarding the Request for Declaratory Judgment received from the Village of Dundee. After review and discussion, Mr. Ogden made a motion that the Board refer the Village of Dundee / Former Employees' request for a Declaratory ruling to the Board's Administrative Law Judge for hearing; supported by Mr. Wiersma. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 22-01; MOAHR No. 22-002113

Ms. Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review and discussion, Mr. Gilmore made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Ms. Rosser-Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 22-05; MOAHR No. 22-004410

Ms. Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review and discussion, Keith Van Beek made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact



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and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Mr. Ogden. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 22-06; MOAHR No. 22-005248

Ms. Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review and discussion, Mr. Lewis made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Ms. Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.

NO MAY 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

JUNE 14-15, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Certification of MERS Officer and Employee Delegates

John Ogden moved to approve the following Officer and Employee Delegates: Erin Boertman as Officer Delegate to the MERS 2023 Annual Conference with Jeb Burns as Alternate, and Adria McFarland as Employee Delegate with Kristian Morales as Alternate; supported by Jim Wiersma. Motion carried.

MERS Annual Policy Review

Kristin Bellar summarized changes to MERS' Board Policies as referenced in her Memorandum of May 31, 2023. After review and discussion, Keith Van Beek moved to approve the proposed changes; supported by Mr. Ogden. Motion carried.

NO JULY 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

NO AUGUST 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING



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Resolution Approving for Immediate Appointment of Board Candidates Elected

Mr. Brown presented the Board with a Motion to immediately appoint the newly elected Board Members, Kirk Harrier and Lisa Rauch, should they prevail in an uncontested election at Annual Conference. Mike Gilmore moved to approve the appointment; supported by Jason Sarata. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 22-09; MOAHR No. 23-001207

Kristin Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review, Keith Van Beek made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and deny petitioner's appeal; supported by Jim Wiersma. Motion carried.

Contested Case MERS No. 23-04; MOAHR No. 23-002397

Kristin Bellar reviewed with the Board the background of this matter. After review, Keith Van Beek made a motion that the Board accept and adopt as its own the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and deny petitioner's Motion for Summary Disposition; supported by John Ogden. Motion carried.

NO OCTOBER 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

NO NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 1, 2022 BOARD MEETING

To be posted after approval at February 2024 meeting.