



Meeting Minutes | Retirement Policy Committee

Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Conference

Minutes Approved December 2, 2020

Board Members Present: Chairman Steve Heisler, Ms. Paige Lewis, Sheriff Steve Mueller, and Mr. Ed Walton.

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Robby Brown, Ashley Brindle, Amber Carter, Sarah Corbett, Heather Muller, Laura Smoak, Rob Tester, Travis Turner, Stephen Van Camp, Angie Warren, Justin Werner, and Heather Young from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); James D'Alessio, Stephanie Heckart, Tripp Jennings, and Carmen Wilson from BlueCrossBlueShield of South Carolina; Marybeth Daubenspeck and Nancy Ornduff from Empower Retirement; and Mike Wright and Joe Ferguson from Segal Marco Advisors.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Heisler called the PEBA Retirement Policy Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and stated that the public meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes-March 4, 2020

Ms. Paige Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ed Walton, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020, Committee meeting.

III. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Chairman Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and passed unanimously, to nominate Mr. Ed Walton as the Retirement Policy Committee Vice-Chairman.

IV. Committee Charter Review

Ms. Lewis made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Walton, and passed unanimously, to approve the Retirement Policy Committee Charter as revised, and to recommend the revised Committee Charter to the full Board for approval.

V. Approval of State ORP Investment Lineups

Mr. Mike Wright and Mr. Joe Ferguson from Segal Marco Advisors reviewed the investment line-ups for the State Optional Retirement Plan (State ORP). Mr. Wright stated that the investment line-up of each recordkeeper should adhere to the standards set in the State ORP Investment Policy Statement (IPS). In addition, each lineup should include low, medium, and high-risk investment options. Investment options should be diversified compared to other options, and across different sectors within the portfolio. Mr. Wright advised that the goal of the State ORP

program should be to offer investment options with lower fees compared to peers considering the scale of assets. Mr. Wright added that the investment options available to participants should not have overlapping goals and risk profiles.

Mr. Ferguson concluded the presentation by reviewing the current fund lineup structure and mapping recommendations for each of the four State ORP vendors.

Chairman Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Walton, and passed unanimously, to recommend that the PEBA Board approve the investment line-ups for the State ORP and fund mapping schedule, as presented, to be effective with the commencement of the new State ORP contract on January 1, 2021.

VI. Defined Contribution Quarterly Reports

The Segal Marco Advisors South Carolina Defined Contribution Plans Second Quarter 2020 Investment Review report was distributed to the Committee as information.

VII. Deferred Compensation Program Plan Summary

Ms. Nancy Ornduff, from Empower Retirement, presented the second quarter Deferred Compensation Program plan activity summary to the Committee. Ms. Ornduff reviewed the investment transaction activity during the 2020 market downturn due to COVID-19, and provided a brief review of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act retirement-plan related provisions.

Ms. Ornduff concluded her presentation by reviewing a plan statistics summary.

VIII. Old Business/Director's Report

Ms. Peggy Boykin, Executive Director, stated that she would provide the Director's Report at the full Board meeting.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by Chairman Heisler, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, and approved unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.