JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MARCH 27, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Judges' Retirement System convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. in Room N-1810 of the Michael Bilandic Building, 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll call was taken with the following trustees in attendance:
Justice Thomas E. Hoffman, Chairman
Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans
Justice Themis N. Karnezis, Proxy for Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald

Absent were:
Alexi Giannoulias, State Treasurer
Justice John J. Bowman

Others Present:
Timothy B. Blair, Acting Secretary
Jayne L. Waldeck, Acting Manager, Judges' Retirement System
William Atwood, Director, Illinois State Board of Investment

Chairman Hoffman presided and called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF INVESTMENT

William Atwood, Director of the Illinois State Board of Investment, distributed copies of the Flash Report dated February 28, 2009.

Mr. Atwood directed attention to the portion of the report reflecting the market value of the Total Portfolio to be $8,012,492,122. He indicated that two and one-half years ago the market value of the total portfolio was over $13 billion. The fiscal year to date indicates the annualized performance to be down 27.4% with the benchmark at -27.5%. Mr. Atwood reviewed the performance of the various asset classes for the period.

After entertaining questions, Chairman Hoffman thanked Mr. Atwood for his informative report and excused him from the remainder of the meeting. A copy of this report is maintained in the office of the Illinois State Board of Investment.

Chairman Hoffman stated that the Board has taken a position against the proposed Funding Plan as well as the proposed two-tier plan. In addition, Chairman Hoffman instructed Secretary Blair to request our actuary, Sandor Goldstein, to make a more accurate and valid assumption of less than 8%. (Perpetuity compared to five-year floating number.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of Meeting No. 301 held on January 30, 2009, were presented by Chairman Hoffman for approval. Copies of these minutes were previously submitted to all trustees for preliminary review. On motion by

Trustee Karnezis and seconded by Trustee Evans, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 30, 2009 meeting as submitted.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be read.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Chairman Hoffman indicated he had nothing to report or discuss at this time.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Legislation. Acting Secretary Blair informed the Board members of the reintroduction of the survivor annuity bills previously introduced in the last session of the General Assembly. These pieces of legislation allowed those members who had elected to not participate in the survivor annuity benefit to revoke that election, allowing them to participate and provide a monthly benefit to a surviving spouse.

Acting Secretary Blair informed the Board members present in regard to other pieces of legislation that the JRS has taken opposition to any reduction in funding. We have also opposed anything that creates different benefits for new members.

FY 2010 Budget Request. Acting Secretary Blair referenced the Executive Summary of the FY-2010 Budget Request of the Judges' and General Assembly Retirement Systems. Following review of the Executive Summary, the line item changes and the comparison of projected expenditures for FY-2009 to budget FY-2010, Trustee Evans moved for approval of the budget and allocations for FY-2010. Trustee Karnezis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Following further discussion, Trustee Karnezis moved for approval of the 70/30% budget allocation as specified in the JRS/GARS contract agreement and as outlined in the FY-2010 Budget Request contingent on the approval of the General Assembly Retirement System Board of Trustees. Trustee Evans seconded the motion and all were in favor.

REPORT OF MANAGER

Annuities and Refunds for Approval. Ms. Waldeck reviewed a listing of four (4) retirement annuity benefits and two (2) survivor annuity benefits processed since the last meeting. Trustee Karnezis moved approval of the benefit listings for retirement and survivor annuities. Trustee Evans seconded the motion, which prevailed by an affirmative vote of all trustees present.

Three (3) error refunds in the amount of $40,863.78, four (4) survivor annuity refunds totaling $5,144.58 and one (1) death before retirement refund in the amount of $22,137.40 were processed during this reporting period. Trustee Evans moved approval of the above survivor and error refunds and death after retirement refund. Trustee Karnezis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Official copies of these reports are on file in the System's office and marked as Exhibit A.

Death of Members. Trustees reviewed the listing of four (4) members whose deaths were reported subsequent to the last meeting of the Board. This report is on file in the System's office and marked Exhibit B.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Trustee Karnezis and seconded by Trustee Evans, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Chairman Hoffman reminded the Trustees that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2009.

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Acting Secretary

Approved:

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Date

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Chairman

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Date