

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
MEETING NO. 270**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 8, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly Retirement System was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the System's Springfield office at 2101 S. Veterans Parkway and by videoconference, as allowed under Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)).

Roll Call was taken with the following trustees in attendance by videoconference or telephone:

Senator Robert Martwick, Chairman
Representative Jonathan Carroll
Representative Michael Halpin
Representative Tom Ryder, Retired (in person at the System's Springfield office)

Absent were:

Representative Charles Meier
Senator Napoleon Harris
Senator Dave Syverson, Vice-Chairman

Others in attendance were:

Timothy B. Blair, Secretary
Jeff Houch, Assistant to Secretary
Angie Ackerson, GARS Manager

With a quorum present, Chairman Martwick called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Martwick asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments. There were none.

REPRESENTATIVE ACEVEDO BENEFIT SUSPENSION

Chairman Martwick informed the Board that the special meeting is to consider Representative Acevedo's benefit suspension after receipt of the Attorney General's opinion issued January 31, 2022. The opinion indicated Representative Acevedo's felony guilty plea of tax evasion was not related to his service as a legislator. Secretary Blair noted that former Representative Edward Acevedo's pension benefits were suspended beginning January 1, 2022, and his state group insurance was terminated at midnight on December 31, 2021.

Representative Ryder noted the Attorney General's opinion stated that if additional information becomes available at the time of sentencing, or the plea agreement changes, the GARS Board of Trustees would need to reconsider Representative Acevedo's situation. Jeff Houch added that Representative Acevedo's sentencing was scheduled for March 9, 2022.

After discussion among the trustees, Chairman Martwick made a motion to reinstate Representative Acevedo's pension benefits retroactive to January 1, 2022. Ms. Ackerson took roll call and Representative Halpin and Representative Ryder voted in favor. Representative Carroll voted no, and the motion failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Martwick recessed the meeting to the call of the Chair.

Timothy B. Blair, Administrative Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED:

Senator Robert F. Martwick, Chairman