

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS  
MINUTES OF THE  
RULES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
July 25, 2022

The Rules and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois convened by videoconference on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Such meeting was held remotely in accordance with *5 ILCS 120/7(e)(1)*

The following trustees were in attendance:

David Morris, Chairman  
Jeremy "Tad" Hawk, Trustee

The following trustees were absent:

Dan Silverthorn, Trustee

Others in attendance were:

Tim Blair, Executive Secretary  
Jeff Houch, Assistant to the Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2022 MEETING

Trustee Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting of the committee, Trustee Hawk seconded the motion, and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris - Yes  
Hawk - Yes

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Assistant to the Executive Secretary Jeff Houch presented to the Committee four proposed rules and were summarized accordingly.

Mr. Houch explained that Public Act 102-0718 extended the expiration date of the Buyout Program to June of 2026 and that multiple sections of the Administrative Code require amending to reflect the new expiration date.

Mr. Houch explained that the 2nd proposed rulemaking codifies the current policy to require documentation that supports that a deceased member and his or her surviving spouse were married at the time of the member's death. Such documentation includes but are not limited to joint tax return documents, service provider billings, residential ownership documents, and financial account documents.

Mr. Houch summarized that the third proposed rulemaking clarifies that an employee who is receiving compensation from a SERS covered employer in accordance with the Uniformed Services and Reemployment Rights Act shall provide contributions based on the compensation level credited to their SERS account.

Finally, Mr. Houch stated that the fourth proposed rulemaking codifies the current policy that a survivor is only eligible for SERS occupational disability benefits if they are also awarded a death benefit under either the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act or the Illinois Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. Mr. Houch indicated that this is the most appropriate method for determining whether or not the death was connected to the member's service, as the Workers' Compensation Commission through its claim adjudication process, makes such determinations.

After some discussion on the details and dynamics of the proposed rules, Trustee Hawk made the motion to approve the proposed rules. Trustee Morris seconded the motion, and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris - Yes

Hawk – Yes

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the committee, Trustee Hawk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Morris seconded the motion and the members voted in the following manner:

Morris - Yes

Hawk – Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.