

## MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 7722 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Huggins at 1:20 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Huggins led the pledge of allegiance.

### Members Present:

Sgt. Mark Huggins, Chairman  
Chief Scott Ford, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Tony Bacala  
Maj. Raymond Burkart, Jr.  
Capt. (Ret.) Willie Joe Greene  
Sgt. Chad King  
Mayor Gerard Landry  
Ms. Amy Mathews, State Treasurer Designee  
Chief Dwayne Munch  
Sgt. (Ret.) Larry Reech  
Chief Michael Suchanek  
Mayor Donald Villere

### Members Absent:

Chief Carl Dabadie, Jr.  
Mr. Rick McGimsey, Div. of Administration Designee  
Senator Barrow Peacock

### Others Present:

Ms. Kathy Bourque, Director  
Ms. Daphne Rusk, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Randy Roche, General Counsel  
Ms. Margaret Corely, Attorney, Senate Retirement Committee  
Ms. Annie Smith, Attorney, House Retirement Committee

### Public Comment:

Chairman Huggins called for public comment. Mr. Reech expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members on the Personnel Committee and congratulated them on their diligence and support on bringing the three candidates to interview for the General Counsel position.

### Interviews for General Counsel:

Motion by Mr. Reech seconded by Mr. Ford to hold the interviews for General Counsel in executive session under the provision of R.S. 42:17(1) at 1:23 p.m. After a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

Separate Interviews were held as follows:

- Mr. John Adams
- Mr. Ben Huxen
- Ms. Joell Keller

Back to regular session at 3:08 p.m.

Other Business:

Chairman Huggins explained that he received several emails and spoke to several members of the board regarding the hiring process of the executive director and/or general counsel. He had several suggestions to cancel the interviews for general counsel but felt the interviews should be held. He felt the interviews were productive with three good candidates for the board to select from.

Representative Bacala asked if any background checks on the candidates had been administered and/or if the prior employers had been contacted. Mr. Roche replied that he had made contact with some employers but still waiting for additional responses. Representative Bacala suggested that the board delay any hiring until contact with previous employers have been made.

Chairman Huggins agreed with Representative Bacala in that contact should be made with prior employers and should be addressed in conjunction with the other issues raised about the executive director participating in hiring the general counsel or the possibility of selecting someone to have a dual role purpose and maybe fill both positions with one person. He encouraged the board to have more discussions and be more vocal on the talking points at the board meetings.

Mr. Reech asked Mr. Roche for a timeframe on completing the contact with previous employers. Chairman Huggins asked for the responses to be available before the April 19, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Ford seconded by Mr. Reech to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. Without objection the motion carried.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes accurately represent the actions taken at the meeting held March 14, 2017.

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Mark Huggins, Chairman

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Daphne Rusk, Administrative Assistant