# MINUTES ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CALLED MEETING

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:30 p.m. 1400 West Third Street Little Rock, AR 72201

# ATTENDEES

### **Board Members Present**

#### Danny Knight, Chair Richard Abernathy, Vice Chair\* Anita Bell\* Lloyd Black\* Kathy Clayton\* Kelly Davis\* Shawn Higginbotham\* Bobby Lester\* Robin Nichols\* Susannah Marshall, designee for Candace Franks\* Hon. Andrea Lea, State Auditor\* Jason Brady, designee for Dennis Milligan\*

### ATRS Staff Present

Clint Rhoden, Executive Director Rod Graves, Deputy Director\* Tammy Porter, Ex. Assistant/Board Secretary Willie Kincade, Director of Operations\* Manju, Director of Information Technology\* Martha Miller, General Counsel\*

#### **Guest Present**

Donna Morey, ARTA\* Duncan Baird, APERS

### **Board Members Absent**

Chip Martin Janet Watson Johnny Key, Cabinet Secretary, Dept of Ed.

\*via telephone

I. Call to Order/Roll Call. Mr. Danny Knight, Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. Ms. Watson, Mr. Martin and Mr. Key were absent.

### II. Adoption of Agenda.

Mr. Higginbotham *moved* for *adoption* of the Agenda. Ms. Davis seconded the *motion*, and the Committee *unanimously approved the motion*.

- **III. Executive Summary.** The Executive Summary was provided for reference with no questions or expansions on the written summary.
- IV. Approval of Updates to the Securities Monitoring and Asset Recovery Litigation Policy. Director Rhoden presented the Board with a draft update to

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the Security Monitoring and Asset Recovery Litigation Policy. Based on the June 1, 2020 BOT meeting, Dr. Abernathy requested staff update the Policy to reflect that ATRS staff will provide a recommendation for potential claims, including the recommended securities monitoring firm or firms to be retained for each potential claim, to the Board for consideration and approval prior to initiating any claim. Director Rhoden stated that up until now, it has always been the executive staff's decision.

Mr. Black *moved* to *approve* the updated language in the Securities Monitoring and Asset Recovery Litigation Policy as presented to the Board. Dr. Abernathy *seconded* the *motion*, and the Committee *unanimously approved the motion*.

V. **Potential ATRS Initiated Litigation.** Martha Miller, General Counsel, provided the Board with a staff recommendation to proceed with the Board approve litigation claim against Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC.

Mr. Black *moved* to *approve* the recommendation to proceed with the Board approved litigation claim against Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC. Dr. Abernathy seconded the *motion*, and the Committee *unanimously approved the motion*.

- VI. Other Business. None.
- X. Adjourn.

Mr. Danny Knight *moved* to *adjourn* the Board of Trustees Meeting. Dr. Abernathy seconded the *motion*, and the Committee *unanimously approved the motion*.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Clint Rhoden, Executive Director Mr. Danny Knight, Chair Board of Trustees

Tammy Porter, Recorder Date Approved