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MEETING NO. 2011-09-LC ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, October 27, 2011. Ms. Sharon Thompson presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:Ms. Copper, Ms. Henry (via teleconference), Mr. Piechocinski, Mr. Shoop, Ms. ThompsonAbsent:Ms. Faklis

Also in attendance was Trustee Mr. Stafford (via teleconference) and staff members Mr. Kosiba, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. DeCleene, and Mr. Duquette. Staff member Ms. Shadid and Legislative Consultant Ms. Vazquez were also present via teleconference. Mr. Richard Grodsky of the Elmhurst Park District was also present.

(11-09-01)

The Committee began by discussing the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Henry moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Shoop seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, ShoopNAY:NoneABSENT:Faklis

By a vote of 4-0-0, the motion passed.

(11-09-02)

Next, the Committee discussed House Bill 3827, sponsored by Representative Tom Cross, which would require the Board and staff of all funds and the State Board of Investments to report any reasonable suspicion of fraudulent statements or records being filed or accepted. Reports under this section can be made to the Board of Trustees of the fund or to the State's Attorney of the county in which the fraudulent activity allegedly took place. The failure to report would be a breach of fiduciary duty under the Pension Code. The bill would also dissolve and reconstitute the boards of the Chicago Municipal, Laborers', Police, Fire, Parks' and Teachers' funds, as well as the Cook County fund. After discussion, Ms. Copper moved to recommend that the Board support the IMRF-related provisions of the bill. Ms. Henry seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, ShoopNAY:NoneABSENT:Faklis

By a vote of 4-0-0, the motion passed.



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(11-09-03)

The Committee then discussed Senate Bill 2499, sponsored by Senator Matt Murphy, would close participation in IMRF as an employee of the Illinois Municipal League and the Will County Governmental League as of the effective date of the bill. The bill would also limit pension participation for service with a labor organization to only those periods for which employer and employee contributions were received prior to the effective date of the bill. This provision would apply only to the downstate and Chicago police and fire funds, the Chicago Municipal Teachers', and Laborers' funds, SURS, and TRS. After discussion, Ms. Henry moved to recommend that the Board oppose the IMRF-related provisions of the bill. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, ShoopNAY:NoneABSENT:Faklis

By a vote of 4-0-0, the motion passed.

(11-09-04)

The Committee then discussed the 2011 legislative items that passed into law and those that were remaining. They also discussed legislative proposals from an IMRF annuitant regarding participation by elected officials.

(11-09-05)

Next, the Committee discussed the 2012 IMRF Board of Trustees Legislative Agenda. After discussion, Mr. Shoop moved to recommend that the 2012 IMRF Board of Trustees Legislative Agenda consist only of the technical corrections remaining from its 2011 Legislative Agenda. These two proposals would be to fix a syntax error in Section 7-220 and to clarify the language in Section 7-171(h) regarding employer tax levies to make clear that amounts levied can only be used for IMRF purposes. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, ShoopNAY:NoneABSENT:Faklis

By a vote of 4-0-0, the motion passed.

(11-09-06)

Finally, the Committee discussed other bills that had similar IMRF-related provisions as those found in House Bill 3827 and Senate Bill 2499. The Committee decided that staff should use the positions taken on those bills for discussion on any other bills that include those provisions and that no further action was required at this time on those additional bills.

The committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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Chair

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