



MEETING NO. 2015-06-LC  
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

The Legislative Committee met on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Ms. Sharon Thompson presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Copper, Mr. Miller, Mr. Piechocinski, Ms. Thompson  
Absent: Ms. Henry

Also in attendance were Trustees Mr. Kuehne and Ms. Stanish, as well as staff members Mr. Kosiba, Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Duquette, and Ms. Shadid and Legislative Consultant Ms. Vazquez.

(15-06-01)

The Committee began by discussing the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Copper moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Piechocinski seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Henry

By a vote of 3-0-0, the motion passed.

(15-06-02)

The Committee next reviewed the Legislative Committee Charter. There were no recommended changes to the current committee charter and no action was necessary.

(15-06-03)

The Committee next discussed staff proposals for the 2016 Board of Trustees' Legislative Agenda. After discussion, Mr. Piechocinski moved to recommend that the Board adopt the following proposals as part of its 2016 legislative agenda:

- Allow the Board to assess a penalty on employers for certain retiree return to work violations
- Clarify that IMRF will accept one past service purchase payment after termination, as long as a valid application is received while the member is still active
- Increase the pension minimum used to determine eligibility for a contribution refund for a vested, age eligible member
- Remove the one year limitation for the retroactive payment of surviving spouse annuities

Ms. Copper seconded the motion.



VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Henry

By a vote of 3-0-0, the motion passed.

(15-06-04)

The Committee next discussed a proposal regarding a definition of "gainful employment" for use in disability decisions. After discussion, the Committee asked that IMRF staff work on a proposal for a Board rule regarding the definition and bring it to the Benefit Review Committee for discussion.

(15-06-05)

Finally, the Committee asked that staff review a proposal to terminate the Early Retirement Incentive program. After discussion, the Committee asked that staff survey employers to determine their position on the issue and also come up with alternatives to completely terminating the program. This information will be brought back to the Committee for further discussion.

The committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:57 p.m.

Sharon Thompson  
Chair

2-26-16  
Date

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Clerk

2/26/2016  
Date