



**MEETING NO. 2017-01-LC  
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Legislative Committee met on Friday, February 3, 2017 via teleconference. Mr. David Miller presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ms. Copper, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Williams  
**Absent:** None

Also in attendance were trustees Ms. Henry, Ms. Stanish, and Mr. Wallace, as well as staff members Mr. Kosiba, Mr. Duquette, Ms. Janicki Ciark, Mr. Nannini, Ms. O'Brien, and Ms. Shadid.

**(17-01-01)**

The Committee began by discussing the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Copper moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYE:** Copper, Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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

**(17-01-02)**

The Committee next discussed House Bill 350, sponsored by Rep. McSweeney. This bill would extend the felony forfeiture provisions to the member's spouse if the spouse is convicted of a felony related to the service of the member. In these cases, the spouse would lose eligibility for a surviving spouse annuity. The bill applies only to spouses of members who first participate on or after the effective date of the bill and applies to each of the Illinois public pension systems. After discussion, Ms. Thompson moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on this bill. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYE:** Copper, Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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

**(17-01-03)**

Next, the Committee discussed House Bill 362, sponsored by Rep. Skillicorn. This bill would exclude elected officials working for any employer that is not a home rule unit of government. Elected officials currently participating with affected employers would be grandfathered. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.



VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

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

(17-01-04)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 291, sponsored by Rep. Olsen. This bill would exclude elected officials working on a part-time basis as eligible employees. Officials elected prior to the effective date would not be affected. Employers would be required to certify if the office is a full-time position and they must re-certify eligibility at least every four years. After discussion, Ms. Thompson moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on the bill. Mr. Kuehne seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

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

Ms. Copper left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

(17-01-05)

The Committee next reviewed House Bill 436, sponsored by Rep. Ives. The bill would exclude from pensionable wages payments received for unused sick and vacation time and terminates a provision allowing members to convert unused, unpaid sick time to service credit. The bill is applicable to new members. The bill also includes provisions creating a "Tier 3" for new employees of the state-funded pension systems. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on the bill. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Copper

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

(17-01-06)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 441, also sponsored by Rep. Ives. In the provisions applicable to IMRF, the bill would exclude elected officials working on a part-time basis as eligible employees. Officials elected prior to the effective date would not be affected. Employers would be required to certify if the office is a full-time position and they must re-certify eligibility at least every four years. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on the bill. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.



VOTE:

AYE: Kuehne, Thompson, Williams  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Copper

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

(17-01-07)

Finally, the Committee discussed the possibility of holding a Board of Trustees Springfield Drive Down in 2017. After discussion, it was determined that there was not an interest in holding the event.

The committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:59 a.m.

Sharon K. Thompson  
Chair

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Date

Bonnie Shadid  
Clerk

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Date