



**MEETING NO. 2017-02-LC
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

The Legislative Committee met on Friday, February 10, 2017 via teleconference. Mr. David Miller presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Copper, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kuehne, Ms. Williams
Absent: Ms. Thompson

Also in attendance was trustee Ms. Stanish, as well as staff members Mr. Kosiba, Ms. Janicki Clark, Mr. Nannini, Ms. O'Brien, and Ms. Shadid, and Legislative Consultant Ms. Vazquez.

(17-02-01)

The Committee began by discussing the minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Copper moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Kuehne seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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

(17-02-02)

The Committee next discussed House Bill 669, sponsored by Rep. Morrison. In the provisions applicable to IMRF, this bill would allow participating municipalities, by ordinance, to cease participation IMRF and create their own plans. The employer could then set any benefits it wishes "to the extent permitted under the state or federal constitutions". It could create these plans in addition to IMRF or in lieu of participation. It also explicitly allows that the new plan may provide any level of benefits and may choose not to provide any benefits at all. These benefits can be defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans, or a combination of the two. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board oppose this bill. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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

(17-02-03)

Next, the Committee discussed House Bill 775, sponsored by Rep. Lilly. The bill would require all pension systems, except Article 3 & 4 police and fire funds, to determine the financial risk of climate change on their investments. It



would then authorize funds to add this risk factor to the proxy policy. This policy must be updated annually and posted on the Fund's website. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board oppose the bill. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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

(17-02-04)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 815, sponsored by Rep. Zalewski. This bill would allow municipalities without an Article 3 or 4 fund that have at least 50 full-time police officers and/or firefighters to allow, by resolution from the Governing Body, either of those groups to participate in IMRF SLEP. The resolution would terminate if the municipality did establish an Article 3 or 4 fund, as applicable. SLEP participation would begin as of the date of adoption of the resolution by the municipality. After discussion, Mr. Miller moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on the bill. Mr. Kuehne seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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

(17-02-05)

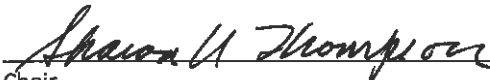
Finally, the Committee reviewed Senate Bill 701, sponsored by Sen. Morrison. The bill would exclude vehicle allowances paid to employees from the definition of "earnings" for pension purposes. The provisions are applicable to new employees only. After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on the bill. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

VOTE:

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

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

The committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:52 a.m.


Chair

Date



Clerk Bonnie Dadd

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