



**MEETING NO. 2021-02-LC
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 via video conference. Ms. Stanish presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish

Absent: None

Also in attendance were staff members Janicki Clark and Shadid.

(21-02-01)

The Committee began by reviewing the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Copper moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Kosiba seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

(21-02-02)

The Committee next reviewed Senate Bill 296, sponsored by Sen. Karina Villa, which would require (rather than permit) funds to indemnify all trustees and staff (rather than trustees, staff, and consultants) against damage claims and suits, when the claim is sought for negligent or wrongful acts in the scope of employment or at the direction of the trustees and permit the funds to indemnify consultants on the same basis. It would apply to all funds. After discussion, Mr. Kosiba moved to recommend that the Board support the bill. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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



(21-02-03)

The Committee then discussed House Bill 2578, sponsored by Rep. Mike Murphy. This bill would create a Task Force to study and make recommendations for changes to pension funds to reduce taxpayer burden and assure members are treated fairly. After discussion, Mr. Kosiba moved to table discussion of the bill to the option of the Committee or until/if the bill begins to move in the General Assembly. Ms. Stanish seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

(21-02-04)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 2847, sponsored by Rep. Blaine Wilhour. The bill would set the maximum allowable pension at \$132,900 starting on the effective date. This maximum amount would be increased annually by the consumer price index-u. It applies to all members and annuitants as of the effective date and is applicable to all Illinois public pension systems. The Committee then noted that House Bill 2848 and House Bill 2849 from the same sponsor raised the same concerns. HB 2848 would set annual increases on annuities to the annual consumer price index-u (CPI-u) and HB 2849 would increase the minimum age for pension eligibility. Both bills also apply to current and new members of all pension systems. After discussion, Mr. Kosiba moved to recommend that the Board oppose House Bill 2847, House Bill 2848, and House Bill 2849. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

(21-02-05)

The Committee next reviewed House Bill 2973, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Morrison. The bill would, in the provisions applicable to IMRF, exclude unused sick or vacation time from being used for reportable earnings or service credit (new members only). It also creates a Tier 3 plan for the state-funded systems and makes various changes to other pension systems. After discussion, Mr. Kosiba moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on House Bill 2973 and to bring the bill back to the committee if it moves in the General Assembly. Ms. Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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



(21-02-06)

The Committee next reviewed House Bill 2976, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Morrison. The bill would, in the provisions applicable to IMRF, prohibit participation by part-time elected officials (newly elected officials only). It also closes the General Assembly Retirement System to new members. After discussion, Ms. Copper moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on House Bill 2976. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

(21-02-07)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 3004, sponsored by Rep. Mark Batinick. The bill would prohibit trustees from being employed by a pension fund or fund vendor for five years after he or she is no longer a trustee. It would also prohibit funds from paying membership dues to a membership organization that has a pecuniary interest with any entity that provides services to a pension fund, unless the organization makes certain disclosures to the funds. It applies to all Illinois public pension funds. After discussion, Ms. Copper moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on House Bill 3004. Mr. Kosiba seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

(21-02-08)

The Committee then reviewed House Bill 3062, sponsored by Rep. Camille Lilly. The bill would require all funds to develop a climate change risk minimization policy for fund investment policies and allow them to add these issues to their proxy policies. It applies to all Illinois public pension funds. After discussion, Ms. Stanish moved to recommend that the Board remain neutral on House Bill 3062. Mr. Kosiba seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

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



(21-02-09)

Lastly, the Committee reviewed House Bill 3474, sponsored by Rep. Michael Halpin. The bill would prohibit candidates who meet the criteria to serve as an IMRF Executive Trustee from serving as an Employee Trustee. After discussion, Ms. Stanish moved to recommend that the Board support House Bill 3474, as long as the bill is amended to clarify that it applies only to trustee elections occurring after the effective date. Mr. Kosiba seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE: Copper, Kosiba, Mitchell, Stanish

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

The committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:57 a.m.

Chair

Date

Clerk

Date