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MEETING NO. 2023-01-LC ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Legislative Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the Oak Brook office. Trustee Kosiba presided as Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Copper, Kosiba, Kuehne, Mitchell, Stanish and Stefan

Absent: Henry and Miller

Also in attendance were staff members Acevedo, Baier, Janicki Clark, and Shadid.

Trustee Mitchell participated remotely.

(23-01-01)

The Committee began by reviewing the minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting of the Legislative Committee. Trustee Stefan moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Trustee Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:

Copper, Kosiba, Kuehne, Mitchell, Stanish and Stefan

NAY:

None

ABSENT:

Henry and Miller

ABSTAIN:

None

By a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion passed.

(23-01-02)

The Committee was then presented with House Bill 1277, sponsored by Representative Elik. This legislation seeks to suspend the pension of individuals upon being indicted or charged with a job-related felony, instead of upon conviction. No pension will be due to members convicted and those who are not ultimately convicted will have the suspended amounts returned with interest. Applicable to all pension systems.

Trustee Miller joined the meeting remotely at 11:05 a.m.

After discussion, Trustee Stanish moved to adopt the staff recommendation to oppose the bill and Trustee Copper seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:

Copper, Kosiba, Kuehne, Miller, Mitchell, Stanish and Stefan

NAY:

None



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ABSENT: ABSTAIN: Henry None

By a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion passed.

(23-01-03)

The Committee was then presented with Senate Bill 65, sponsored by Senator Fine. This legislation would allow certain employers who are below 5,000 in population to close their Article 3 downstate police and/or Article 4 downstate fire fund(s) to new members by referendum and enroll new members in IMRF.

Trustee Copper moved to adopt the staff recommendation to oppose the bill and Trustee Kosiba seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:

Copper, Kosiba, Kuehne, Miller, Mitchell, Stanish and Stefan

NAY:

None

ABSENT:

Henry

ABSTAIN:

None

By a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion passed.

The Committee then discussed the ability to continue holding virtual meetings in light of the expected termination of the Governor's Emergency Orders Disaster Declarations as of May 11, 2023. The committee asked staff to research the Open Meetings Act and determine if the committee can still meet virtually and if a change to the committee charters may be needed.

The Committee then discussed the next Legislative Committee meeting, which will take place on Monday, February 13th at 2:30 p.m.

Trustee Copper motioned for adjournment; Trustee Stefan seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYE:

Copper, Kosiba, Kuehne, Miller, Mitchell, Stanish and Stefan

NAY:

None

ABSENT:

Henry

ABSTAIN:

None

By a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion passed.



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The committee was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Chair

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Date

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