

Government Employees Retirement System
Minutes of Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the GERS Conference Room on St. Thomas (STT). The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

At roll call the Trustees in attendance were Raymond James, Chairman, Carver Farrow, Vice Chairman, Wilbur Callender, Desmond Maynard and Edgar Ross. Vincent Liger and Leona Smith were absent.

Staff in attendance: Austin Nibbs, Administrator, Anthony Selkridge, Assistant Administrator, Cathy Smith, General Counsel, Grasilda Dobbins, CFO and Bruce Thomas, Investment Officer.

Also in attendance was Pedro Williams, Board Counsel.

The stenographer was Kyaa Barry.

Regular Session.

New Business.

Layoffs Impact to GERS.

The Administrator presented to the Board the impact of layoffs by the central government. Using an average salary of \$36,000 if 350, 1,000 and 2,600 employees were laid off as indicated by the Governor; the impact to GERS in total lost in annual contributions and addition to the monthly deficit will be \$3,213,000 and \$267,750, \$9,180,000 and \$765,000 and \$23,868,000 and \$1,989,000 respectively. The Administrator indicated that other revenue streams will have to be explored such as Senator Dowe's casino legislation and increase in contribution rates. Trustee Ross stated that the Government of the Virgin Islands (GVI) the plan sponsor must honor its obligations to the System. Trustee James stated that a letter should be sent to the Legislature urging the senators to pass the amendments recommended by the GERS immediately. Trustee Farrow stated that GERS should issue a press release indicating the impact to the System.

Property Tax.

Trustee James reported that the GVI has issued a notice of property tax sale on both islands. He recommended that the Board consider bidding on a particular St. John property. Trustee Farrow stated that there should be a motion to bid on some of the properties.

Motion made by Trustee Farrow and seconded by Trustee Ross to authorize the Board through the Investment Committee to investigate and report back to the Board in a week delinquent property tax properties available in both districts that the GERS would be interested in bidding on.

Motion passed 5 Yes (James, Farrow, Callender, Maynard and Ross) and 2 Absent (Liger and Smith).

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Executive Session.

Motion made by Trustee Farrow and seconded by Trustee Maynard to go into Executive Session. Motion passed 4 Yes (James, Farrow, Callender and Maynard), 1 No (Ross) and 2 Absent (Liger and Smith).

Motion made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Maynard to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed 5 Yes (James, Farrow, Callender, Maynard and Ross) and 2 Absent (Liger and Smith).

Regular Session.

Motion made by Trustee Farrow and seconded by Trustee Callender to approved Standard International Group's recommendation regarding Seaborne's Loan Modification. Motion passed 4 Yes (James, Farrow, Callender and Maynard), 1 No (Ross) and 2 Absent (Liger and Smith).

No objection to adjournment of the meeting. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



Austin L. Nibbs, CPA
Administrator/Secretary, GERS Board of Trustees