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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of the School District of Kansas City, Missouri met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, March 4, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Public School Retirement System Office conference room at 4600 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Horace Coleman, Jr., Chairperson  
Clarence S. Cole  
Joanne M. Collins  
Darwin Curls (via telephone)  
Alexander P. Ellison  
Caroline J. Helmkamp  
Curtis L. Rogers  
Joseph G. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Artris Ashley  
Cynthia L. Hackney  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner

Staff Present: Thomas Mann, Executive Director  
Laura J. Oswald  
Willia Jean Reese  
Joseph Schaefer

Others Present: Mark Flaherty, Esq.  
Rosemary Guillette, Segal Advisors  
Alifia Doriwala, Rock Creek Group  
Kenneth G. Lay, Rock Creek Group  
Gwen Gold, Corbin Capital Group  
John Hartwell Cocke, Corbin Capital Group

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

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Horace Coleman, Jr., Chairperson presiding.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held February 4, 2013.

Approval of cash disbursements for the month of January 2013.

Approval of the report of the Secretary submitting the names of members retiring since the last report, including dates of retirement.

Approval of the report of the Secretary submitting the names of members who have passed away since the last report.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, seconded by Mr. Curls, the Board voted unanimously to receive and file the report of Rock Creek Group.

On motion of Mr. Ellison, seconded by Ms. Helmkamp, the Board voted unanimously to receive and file the report of Corbin Capital Partners.

Mr. Coleman requested the Business and Technology Committee report.

In the absence of Ms. Kositany-Buckner, Chairperson of the Business and Technology Committee, Mr. Coleman requested Mr. Mann give a brief overview of the content of the Business and Technology Committee meeting. Mr. Mann informed the Board the committee was provided a demonstration of both the design and content of the System's new website. Mr. Mann noted the committee expressed their approval of the design and it was noted the targeted release is late March.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Mark Flaherty reviewed the software and hosting contract renewal with Sagitec. Mr. Mann noted after several meetings with Sagitec representatives an agreement was reached on a hosting and support contract. The contract will remain at a set cost for a period of five years with an option to renew for years six through ten with increases limited to five percent per year. Mr. Flaherty reported that with the continual updates, the System is guaranteed to retain a state of the art pension administration program for the next ten years.

Mr. Mann reviewed the disaster recovery plan for the pension administration system. He noted Sagitec added a site in Chicago as a backup host site in case something happens to the current hosting site in Denver. Mr. Mann informed the Board that he and Mr. Schaefer are using the Sagitec document to further develop a disaster recovery plan with an offsite facility for the office should the facilities become uninhabitable.

Mr. Mann reviewed the need to digitize and store paperwork concerning members of the system and based on the committee's recommendation he requested permission to begin the RFP process to locate a firm to assist with the document imaging project. On motion of Ms.

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Collins, seconded by Mr. Ellison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the initiation of the RFP process to secure a document imaging contract.

Mr. Mann informed the Board that he and Mr. Schaefer will schedule an educational session with TechOrchard sometime in March focusing on managing documents efficiently on the iPads and to address any issues or answer questions that Board members may have concerning their iPads.

### **Report of the Chairperson**

Mr. Coleman noted that three Board members recently attended the NCTR committee meetings and the NIRS Annual Conference held in Washington DC.

Mr. Coleman and Ms. Helmkamp attended NCTR's Trustee Education Committee meeting and Mr. Ellison attended NCTR's Legislative Committee meeting. Mr. Coleman noted the NCTR Trustee Workshop will be held on July 29–31, 2013 at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. He highly recommended trustees attend both the institute and workshop.

Mr. Coleman asked Mr. Ellison for a report on the NCTR Legislative Committee meeting. Mr. Ellison noted one item discussed was to have NCTR to come forward with a resolution to bring action against the people who caused the financial crisis. After a lengthy discussion by the committee members no action was taken.

Mr. Coleman asked Ms. Helmkamp for a report on the NIRS conference. Ms. Helmkamp discussed the speakers present at the conference and also noted this organization does excellent research on important retirement security issues and she encouraged board members to visit the NIRS website as it is a good resource on the challenges and issues facing defined benefit plans.

Mr. Coleman encouraged board members to visit the NCTR website and register to attend webinars that are offered as another great source.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. Mann reported the Board's proposed legislation, Senate Bill 223, should have a committee hearing in the near future and he has been informed by our legislative consultant that both the Chairmen of the committees dealing with pensions in the House and Senate are favorable to our bill because it attempts to reduce the System's liabilities.

Mr. Mann noted during the February Board meeting that the discussion for obtaining a local legislative lobbying presence was tabled until the March Board meeting. Mr. Mann reported on his and Mr. Flaherty's meeting and interview with Mr. Rodney Bland, of Bland Consulting Group, LLC. Mr. Flaherty also noted that since we are three months into the current legislative session he would recommend the term of any contract entered into be prorated.

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On motion of Mr. Ellison, seconded by Ms. Collins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Mr. Rodney Bland, of Bland Consulting Group, LLC as the System's local legislative consultant with a prorated contract term.

Mr. Mann reported on the status of the charter schools payment review.

**Other Business**

Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Mann on his informative article in the current newsletter explaining the issues regarding the System's proposed legislation, Senate Bill 223.

Mr. Rogers informed the Board that a Policy and Evaluation Committee meeting will be scheduled for either March 18 or 19, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Mann, Executive Secretary