

**Milwaukee County Employees' Retirement System (ERS)
Audit Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Audit Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on July 3, 2012, by Mickey Maier in Commission Room 210, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present:

Mickey Maier
David Sikorski

Others Present:

Marian Ninneman
Steven Huff
Mark Grady

1. Topic: Pension Board Retiree Election -- Discussion

One eligible candidate, D.A. Leonard, submitted the required nomination papers, so a retiree election will not be held. Marilyn Mayr submitted nomination papers, but she is not eligible to be a candidate because she has not been off the Board long enough, as required by section 8.2 of the ordinances. D.A. Leonard will take the oath of office prior to the September Board meeting where he will be introduced.

2. Topic: Pension Board Employee Election -- Discussion

Marian Ninneman will poll various staff members regarding their view of the employee election voting experience. ERS will then develop an education/marketing plan to promote future elections. The Committee also discussed the possibility of stationing ERS staff members at kiosks in various departments and seeking the approval of departments, such as Parks and Highways, to coordinate a brief release from work of employees from remote work locations so that they could utilize the kiosks for voting. A schedule could be worked out with each department for a pre-arranged date and time for this release which would allow employees to leave work as a group or in rotating groups to vote. Essentially, the kiosks would replace the voting van that had been used in the past, but with the security of electronic voting. Marian and Dave will discuss this further.

3. Topic: 5-Year Experience Study -- Discussion

Buck Consultants is scheduled to conduct a 5-year experience study in 2012. The timing of the study was discussed with consensus that work should begin now for findings review at the September Board meeting.

4. Topic: Accidental Disability Retirement / Rule of 75 -- Discussion

ERS questioned whether the Rule of 75 attainment date could be interpreted as "normal retirement age" for an individual requesting an Accidental Disability Retirement. Response from counsel is that the Ordinance Section 201.24(4.3) clearly states "age" and that is what must be used to determine eligibility for an ADR pension. Thus, eligibility for "normal retirement" does not disqualify a member from applying for a disability pension, but reaching "normal retirement age" does disqualify a member.

5. Topic: VCP Additional Information – Discussion

Steve Huff discussed a possible supplementation of the VCP filing related to the failure to commence retirement benefits for a member upon reaching age 70½. The Committee agreed that this member's case should be handled in the same fashion as that of other members' as previously addressed in the VCP filing. Steve also indicated that because it has been an unusually long time since the IRS has communicated with regard to the VCP, the Pension Board could authorize a letter to be sent to the IRS to determine the status of the VCP. This will be discussed further with the Board.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marian", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Marian Ninneman
ERS Manager