

**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 Wednesday, January 2, 2013, by David Sikorski in the DHR Commission Room, Room 210, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present:

Laurie Braun
D.A. Leonard
Mickey Maier

David Sikorski
Vera Westphal

Others Present:

Marian Ninneman Steven Huff
Mark Grady

1. Topic: Disability Retirement Processing – Discussion

ERS staff would like a review of the disability retirement process and to clarify a number of issues; namely, medical records from treating physicians and who should request those records, formalization of the "any job" standard and offset guidelines. The Audit Committee has agreed to an in-depth review with Pension Board Rule amendments introduced where necessary to ensure that the standards are consistently applied. Mark Grady will draft sample Board Rules for review at the February Committee meeting.

2. Optional ERS Membership -- Discussion

The Committee continued the discussion from previous meetings regarding the administrative difficulty in managing opt-ins. The Committee received information regarding the history of optional membership, the creation of OBRA and the administrative issues related to optional membership. The Committee agreed that optional membership for seasonal employees was no longer necessary given the creation of OBRA. However, some seasonals have exercised the option and it would be advisable for those continuing or previous employees to be given a final election opportunity that would govern all future employment. Newly hired seasonals would be denied the option and would be required to be members of OBRA. Mr. Huff will draft rule amendments for the Board's consideration.

There are other categories of employees listed as optional members in rule 202. ERS is uncertain at this time how many of those categories remain relevant. Marian Ninneman will coordinate a meeting with Mark Grady, Scott Manske, Sue Drummond and Steve Huff for further discussion and determination of the payroll code definitions for Mandatory ERS members and Optional OBRA members. A report will be prepared for discussion at a future Audit Committee meeting on these discussions.

3. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Marian Ninneman
ERS Manager