

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

Call to Order

Pension Board Chairman, John Michael Maier, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 in the DHR Commission Room, Room 210, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present

Laurie Braun
Aimee Funck
Mickey Maier
Marilyn Mayr
Dean Muller

Others Present

Mark Grady
Steven Huff
Marian Ninneman

Daniel Gopalan
Theresa Diaz
Vivian Aikin

1. Topic: Annual Meeting/Survey Results – Discussion

At the October committee meeting, members requested that ERS conduct a survey of active employees to gauge their interest in attending the Annual Meeting. ERS conducted an online survey from October 23rd through November 1st. Ms. Ninneman distributed a report showing the survey results. Of the nearly 500 responses, the majority preferred an evening meeting at either the Zoofari Conference Center or a downtown location. Ms. Ninneman discussed the inherent difficulty in reaching County employees who do not have computer access as part of their jobs. Ms. Mayr offered to attend REMCO and union meetings of retirees to assess their preferences. Mr. Maier indicated the survey was a good first step but that the Pension Board should continue with the status quo at this time.

2. Topic: 2014 Budget – Discussion

Mr. Gopalan distributed a revised budget and answered questions from the group. He pointed out that the format was slightly different than what was distributed previously. One notable change is a reduction for actuarial fees from \$145,000 to \$130,000. The budget will be presented for approval and the December 18th meeting of the full Pension Board.

3. Topic: Actuarial Services – Discussion

Ms. Ninneman announced a preliminary agreement with Buck Consultants to continue their services through 2014 with no changes. This would be a one year "stop gap" so that the RFP process could go forward early next year with no disruption to actuarial services for ERS.

4. Topic: Amendment to Pension Board Rule 112 – Discussion

Atty. Huff distributed documents related to a proposed amendment to Pension Board Rule 112. He explained the necessity for it in light of provisions of Wisconsin Act 10 passed in 2011. Atty. Grady further explained that this is part of a larger issue for the Pension Board. Although collective bargaining agreements no longer exist, vested pension benefits are contained therein. Since there has been no action by the County Board, the Pension Board needs to act to preserve these vested benefits. In addition to the very specific action of amending Rule 112, Atty. Grady recommends consideration of an all-encompassing "umbrella" rule. The Rule 112 amendment will be ready for the full Pension Board to consider in December perhaps with a new umbrella rule as well.

5. Topic: Applicable Multiplier for Military Credit – Discussion

ERS staff has requested guidance on the appropriate multiplier to use for retiring members who are granted additional service credit for military service. Currently a 2% multiplier is used. Atty. Grady will review County Board files dating to the passage of §2.10 (Military service.) and prepare a recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Marian Ninneman, ERS Manager