

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JUNE 24, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.
VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE DUE TO SB 150,
SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 30, 2020,
AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-215 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE MARCH 6, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19**

At the meeting of the County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees held on June 24, 2021 the following members were present: Betty Pendergrass (Chair), Joe Brothers, Dr. Patricia Carver, George Cheatham, Michael Foster, JT Fulkerson, Dr. Merl Hackbart, William O'Mara, and Jerry Powell. Staff members present were David Eager, Rebecca Adkins and Erin Surratt.

Ms. Pendergrass called the meeting to order and read the Special Called Meeting COVID-19 statement due to SB 150.

Ms. Erin Surratt took Roll Call. No public comment was submitted.

Mr. Powell introduced agenda item *Personnel (Legal) [KRS 61.810(1)(f)]*. Mr. Powell discussed the processes that are involved in the search for candidates for these positions. A RPF was submitted, along with a job description, were distributed and posted. A total of 167 resumes were received for the CEO position, which after Mr. Powell and Mr. Brothers reviewed those resumes, only 35 met the minimum requirement for the position. An email was then sent to those 35 candidates, requesting additional information. From the 11 replies received, 4 candidates were chosen for the interview process. Regarding the General Counsel position, only 1 proposal was received. Mr. Powell made a motion and Mr. Brothers seconded to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pendergrass read the following statement: A motion having been made in open session to move into a closed session for a specific purpose, and such motion having carried by majority vote in open, public session, the Board shall now enter closed session to consider the appointment and member account information of an employee, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and KRS 61.810(1)(k). It is necessary to enter closed session because of the sensitive nature of the material

to be considered regarding this employee, and the requirement of KRS 61.661(1) that each member's account be administered in a confidential manner.

Ms. Pendergrass introduced agenda item *CERS Legal Staff Appointment*. Dr. Carver made a motion and Mr. O'Mara seconded to approve the candidate for CERS Legal Counsel to Joe Bowman, subject to the review of the contract terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pendergrass introduced agenda item *Personnel (CEO) [KRS 61.810(1)(f)]*. Dr. Hackbart made a motion and Mr. Powell seconded to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Pendergrass introduced agenda item *CERS CEO Appointment*. Mr. Cheatham made a motion and Dr. Hackbart seconded to enter into discussions with candidate Ed Owens, III to become the first CEO of County Employees Retirement Systems. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powell made a motion and Mr. O'Mara seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees held June 24, 2021 except documents provided during a closed session conducted pursuant to the open meetings act and exempt under the open records act.

CERTIFICATION

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Trustees on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.


Recording Secretary

I, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on June 24, 2021 were approved on September 15, 2021.


Chair of the Board of Trustees

I have reviewed the Minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting for content, form, and legality.


Executive Director
Office of Legal Services