

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
ACTUARIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 26, 2024, AT 2:30 P.M.
VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the Regular Meeting of the Actuarial Committee of the County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees held on June 26, 2024, the following members were present: Michael Foster (Chair), Dr. Merl Hackbart, George Cheatham, Jerry Powell, and Dr. Patricia Carver. Staff members present were CERS CEO Ed Owens, III, Ryan Barrow, Rebecca Adkins, Victoria Hale, Michael Lamb, Connie Davis, Steve Willer, Ashley Gabbard, Phillip Cook, and Sherry Rankin. Others present included Janie Shaw and Krysti Kiesel with GRS, Chris Tessman and Craig Morton with Wilshire, and Eric Branco with Johnson, Branco and Brennan, LLP.

1. Mr. Foster called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Branco read the Opening Legal Statement.
3. Ms. Rankin took Roll Call.
4. No *Public Comments* were received.
5. Mr. Foster introduced agenda item *Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2023* (Video 00:07:34 to 00:08:05). A motion was made by Mr. Cheatham and seconded by Dr. Carver to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Foster introduced agenda item *Forward-Looking Return Expectations* (Video 00:08:05 to 00:16:57). Mr. Chris Morton and Mr. Chris Tessman from Wilshire presented an update on the Forward-Looking Expectations and answered questions.
7. Mr. Foster then introduced agenda item *Review of Actuarial Assumptions* (Video 00:16:57 to 00:30:35). Ms. Janie Shaw with GRS reviewed their economic assumptions for use in the

upcoming June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation and answered questions. Mr. Cheatham inquired about data regarding the change in active membership headcount over the past ten years. Ms. Shaw reported that the data for the past three to five years is available and that she would share those with the committee members separately.

A motion was made by Mr. Cheatham and seconded by Mr. Hackbart to accept the recommendations of the actuarial assumptions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Mr. Foster introduced agenda item *Historic Review of CERS Unfunded Pension Liability* (Video 00:30:35 to 00:38:20). Ms. Shaw from GRS presented historical information on the growth of the unfunded liability and the sources of that growth between Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2017.

9. Mr. Foster introduced agenda item *Strategic Plan Discussion* (Video 00:38:20 to 00:44:30). Mr. Owens presented the committee focus for its portion of the CERS Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Dr. Carver to approve the Strategic Plan for the Actuary Committee as presented.

10. There being no further business, Mr. Foster requested a motion to *adjourn* the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Powell and was seconded by Dr. Hackbart. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees held September 17, 2024, except documents provided during a closed session conducted pursuant to the open meetings act and exempt under the Open Records Act.

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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 Actuarial Committee of the County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on June 26, 2024, were approved on November 4, 2024.

Chair of the CERS Actuarial Committee

I have reviewed the Minutes of the June 26, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting for content, form, and legality.

Executive Director
Office of Legal Services