



MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Public Meeting held in-person and telephonically on January 31, 2023 at 10:00 am CT
Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

Board Members Present

Michael Benson †
Kelly Crook †
Michael Granof
Amy Hunter †
Dick Lavine †
Yuejiao Liu †
Chris Noak, Chair
Leslie Pool †
Anthony B. Ross, Sr. †
Brad Sinclair †
Diana Thomas †

Board Members Absent

Guests:
Paige Saenz, General Counsel

Staff:

Christopher Hanson
Russell Nash
Sarah McCleary
Jenni Bonds*
Michelle Mahaini*
Yun Quintanilla*
Ty Sorrel*
David Kushner*
David Stafford*
Kelly Doggett*
Amy Kelley*
Mehrin Rahman*

* present telephonically
† present via videoconference

1 Call meeting to order

Chair Chris Noak called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2 Call roll of Trustees

Ms. Sarah McCleary called the roll. The following Trustees were present in person: Noak and Granof. The following Trustees were present via videoconference: Benson, Crook, Hunter, Lavine, Liu, Pool, Ross, Sinclair, and Thomas.

3 Review order of business and establish meeting objectives

Chair Noak reviewed the objectives of the meeting and asked if Trustees needed to take any agenda items out of order. Because the meeting needed to be

Chaired by a Trustee in attendance, Trustees agreed to discuss agenda #5 after agenda item #10.

4 Receive System member and public comments

Chair Noak asked if there was anyone who wished to make a public comment; there were none.

5 Election of 2023 Officers: Board Chair and Vice Chair

This item was taken out of order, after agenda item #10. Mr. Michael Benson moved to nominate Ms. Yuejiao Liu as Board Chair for 2023. Mr. Michael Granof seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Diana Thomas moved to nominate Mr. Brad Sinclair as Board Vice Chair for 2023. Ms. Leslie Pool seconded. Mr. Anthony Ross moved to nominate Ms. Diana Thomas as Board Vice Chair for 2023; there was no second. The motion to elect Mr. Sinclair passed unanimously.

6 Consent items - All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Trustee.

- A. December 15, 2022 Board meeting minutes**
- B. January 11, 2023 Board meeting minutes**
- C. Ratification, confirmation, and approval of Benefits and Services Committee recommendation on Disability Application #2301**
- D. Ratification, confirmation, and approval of Benefits and Services Committee recommendation on Disability Application #2302**

Ms. Pool moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Thomas seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7 Receive reports on the following Board administrative matters including:

- A. Ethics policy disclosure statements**
- B. Annual acknowledgement of ethics policy**
- C. 2022 Annual Financial Disclosure/Conflicts of Interest Affidavits**
- D. 2023 Committee Assignment process**

Staff declarations:

Russell Nash declared meeting with Maris Kund, Qminder Customer Service Software.

Mr. Benson went off camera from 10:09-10:10 a.m.

8 Facility Options

A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to 551.072, Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

B. Reconvene into public session and take action as determined appropriate by the Board regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

The Board convened into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened into Public Session at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Granof moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the close on the purchase of property as set forth in the resolution and discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Benson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9 Discuss and consider the opening of the 2023 performance appraisal process for the Executive Director

A. Convene into executive session pursuant to Tex. Government Code 551.074 to deliberate the evaluation, employment, and/or duties of the Executive Director

B. Reconvene into public session and take action, if any, as determined appropriate

The Board convened into Executive Session at 10:37 a.m.

The Board reconvened into Public Session at 11:22 a.m.

Trustees took a break from 11:23 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.

10 Receive report from Executive Director on the following matters:

A. Review 2023 meeting schedule and Committee Work Plans

B. MET report and upcoming educational programs/conferences

Mr. Christopher Hanson briefly reviewed the 2023 calendar and Committee Work plans and reminded Trustees that Committee assignments would be made by the new Board Chair and Vice Chair and communicated within one week.

Mr. Hanson recognized Trustees for COAERS having met the Pension Review Board training requirements, highlighted a few upcoming training sessions and conferences, and offered that after Committee assignments are made he would work on individualized training plans.

11 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

Outgoing Chair Noak summarized the decisions made at this meeting and asked for future agenda items.

As there were no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 30, 2023 Board meeting.