

NOTE: These draft minutes from the April 2, 2024, Benefits Committee meeting were approved at the May 7, 2024 Committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee
Board of Trustees
April 2, 2024**

Public Minutes

**New Hampshire Retirement System
54 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301**

As all Committee members were participating electronically pursuant to RSA 100-A:14-a, all votes were by roll call pursuant to RSA 91-a.

Committee Members participating: Chair Germano Martins, Jon Frederick, Jason Henry, and Don Roy.

Staff present: Jan Goodwin, *Executive Director*; Tim Crutchfield, *Deputy Director and Chief Legal Counsel*; Nancy Miller, *Director of Member Services*; Mark F. Cavanaugh, *Associate Counsel and Compliance Officer*; and Diana Crichton, *Hearings Examiner*.

Having established a quorum, Trustee Martins called the Benefits Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Next, he called for a motion to accept the public minutes of the March 5, 2024, Committee meeting. On a motion by Trustee Martins, seconded by Trustee Roy, the Committee approved the minutes as presented, with Trustees Frederick and Roy abstaining.

The Committee then reviewed the three disability applications on the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Trustee Roy, seconded by Trustee Frederick, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

Next, the Committee revisited the Poulin waiver request regarding the minimum participation standards because NHRS had received a final calculation from GRS on the cost of the reporting error as \$94,234.00 and written confirmation from the employer that it will pay that cost. As a result, the Committee voted, without condition, to recommend to the Board that it grant the rule waiver as requested.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Trustee Roy, seconded by Trustee Henry, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Crutchfield