## Minutes

# Retired State Employees Association Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication June 17, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

**Board Members present:** Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Elena Diaz, Denice Bettencourt, Eliza May, Carla James, Ed Seidenberg, and Rick Moss.

Board Members Absent: Dona Medlock and Willie Piña.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Ed Seidenberg and second by Carla James, minutes of the May 20, 2021 regular board meeting and the May 27, 2021 called board meeting were unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Elena Diaz presented the Treasurer's report. Copies of financial reports had been distributed to board members. Upon motion by Carla James and second by Denice Bettencourt, the reports were unanimously accepted, subject to audit.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Communications
- b. Membership
- c. Office Administration
- d. Legislative

Ed Seidenberg discussed a draft of the newsletter and reviewed deadlines for submission of articles and dispersal to the print company.

The membership report would be included under Agenda Item 5.

Marie Moore gave a status report on building occupancy and current office activity..

#### **Legislative (including ERS meetings)**

Carla James distributed and summarized a list of bills that had been tracked during the 87<sup>th</sup> Regular Session. The legislation was related to the Employees Retirement System (ERS) appropriations request, and other items. A limited number of items had been passed and sent to Governor Abbott.

## **Update Regarding Membership Outreach**

Eliza May described communications that were recently sent to former members.

## **Update Regarding Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)**

Bill Hamilton had signed the new contract agreement that was approved by the RSEA Board on May 27. Marie Moore was designated to act as liaison with AMBA.

#### Discussion and Planning – Annual Membership Meeting

The 2021 virtual annual membership meeting would be Wednesday, September 29, 2021. A work session for all board members was scheduled for July 8, 2021. Additional information would be provided prior to the work session.

## Other Issues for the Good of the Order

#### Adjourn

Upon motion by Elena Diaz and second by Carla James, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.