

IPERS BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, February 11, 2008
IPERS Board Room

The following people were in attendance at the IPERS Benefits Advisory Committee meeting that was held in the IPERS Board Room on Monday, February 11, 2008.

Members of the Benefits Advisory Committee

Len Cockman, Brad Hudson, Bill Sage, Jim Maloney, Walt Galvin, Maxine Moore Ballard, Lewis Washington, Pat Lynch, Gaylord Tryon, and Janie Garr.

Absent: Alan Kemp, Diane Reid, Mollie Anderson and M.J. Dolan

IPERS Administration and Staff

Donna Mueller, Chief Executive Officer; Melinda Prince, Executive Assistant; Julie Economaki, Public Information Officer; Leon Schwartz, Chief Operations Officer; Gregg Schochenmaier, General Counsel; and Kelly Lovell, General Counsel.

BAC Alternates or Representatives

Tim Waddingham, IPERS Improvement Association and Mark Johnson, Department of Administrative Services.

Public Members

Steve Timmins, Department of Management.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. by chair Len Cockman.

Lewis Washington made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2008, BAC meeting. Pat Lynch seconded, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2008 Legislative Session Issues

Donna Mueller and Julie Economaki reviewed the status of IPERS' policy and technical bill, the public pension omnibus bill and other legislative bills impacting IPERS. House File 2109 moves members and employees of the board of parole to protection occupation with retroactive benefits.

Pat Lynch made the motion that the BAC does not support HF2109, the board of parole's request to move board members and employees into the protection occupation group. The reasons for not supporting the bill is that the group has not come before the BAC to ensure the protection occupation guidelines are met and the request includes retroactive benefits. Lewis Washington seconded, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pat Lynch made the motion that in accordance with Iowa Code 97B.8b(1) groups seeking benefit enhancements shall come before the Benefits Advisory Committee. Janie Garr seconded, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the voting and nonvoting membership.

Staff Reports

Member Demand Measures – Brian Karn reviewed the report for calendar year 2007.

I-Que Project Update – Leon Schwartz reported on the testing phase for Rollout 1, member and employer demographics, employer wage and contribution reporting, member accounts, imaging interface, and employer self service and the targets dates for employer training.

Budget – Leon Schwartz reviewed with the BAC their expenses fiscal year-to-date. He also reported that the I-Que budget and IPERS' operational budget are in good shape.

Appeals Update – Gregg Schochenmaier reviewed the February 2008 Appeal Status Report.

Other Business

Brad Hudson requested that staff once again offer during BAC meetings educational sessions. Items discussed: Section 125, FED/COLA, and a review of special service benefits versus regular membership benefits.

Public Comments

None

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting date of the BAC is Monday, March 10, 2008. With no further business to come before the committee, Gaylord Tryon made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Bill Sage seconded, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.