

LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT STUDY COMMISSION

September 19, 1969

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Legislative Retirement Study Commission was called to order by the co-chairman, Rep. Thor Anderson, Friday, September 19, 1969, in Room 125 at 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:	<u>SENATORS</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>
	J. A. Josefson	Thor Anderson
	Mel Hansen	Jos. T. O'Neill
	Clifford Sommer	D. H. Sillers
		Edw. Tomczyk

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Moulton, Exec. Sec.; Blair Testin, Assistant; Dr. Franklin Smith, Actuary; Marvin Schubring, Associated Firefighters of Minnesota; W. L. Phillips, Phillips Legislative Service; Inga Cragg, Retired Teachers Association of Minnesota; James Schmid, School Boards Association; Robert S. Reed, MEA; John Harbinson, Highway Patrol; Harold Hutchings, Highway Patrol Officers Association; Bert W. Johnson, Highway Patrol; Richard M. Nelson, Minnesota Police Pension Council; Minneapolis Police Pension Board; Harvey W. Schmidt, TRA; G. J. Williams, PERA; N. Gaasedelen, Mpls. Teachers; Edw. H. Bolstad, MP & POA; Harlan E. Johnson, MERB; D. Kendall, Richfield Fire Dept.; Stanley Pesker, League of Minnesota Municipalities; Raymond H. Hegna, MERB; Paul L. Groschen, MSRS; Robt. Wetherille, Jr., Mpls. Fire; T. W. Anderson, City of St. Paul; Edward Reed, Silver Lake; W. Evans, CMEA-Staples, Minn.; Charles Reiter (State Police Officers) Highway Patrol; George A. Larson, SERAssociation; Henry J. Hoffman, SERAssociation; Jim Clark, SERAssociation; Donald Mattice, Austin Police Benefit Association.

MINUTES of the August 15 meeting were approved as sent out.

COMMUNICATIONS: Copies of the PERA Handbook of Legislative Changes were distributed to the members of the Commission, the MSRS Statement to Employees December 31, 1968, the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Fund Association of the City of St. Paul, Year ended December 31, 1968, also were received and distributed. Also, Highlights of the Teachers Retirement Improvement Act of 1969 was received and distributed at the meeting.

The chairman read a communication received from Mr. Robert Wetherille of the Minneapolis Fire, relative to the National Conference on Public Retirement Systems' annual meeting to be held in New Orleans in April (dates to be announced).

The chairman requested that any member of the Commission who is interested in attending this meeting should contact Rep. Calvin Larson or the Commission office before the October meeting of the Commission. The Commission will send as many representatives as will be appearing on the panel. Mr. Wetherille will advise the number of members needed on the panel.

STATE POLICE-HIGHWAY PATROL PROBLEMS: Major Bert Johnson, Highway Patrol, appeared before the Commission and advised the Commission that there have been problems in the transfer of funds to the Highway Patrol Fund and because of this, there will probably be a delay in getting their actuarial valuation in on time. He stated that the personnel records are not complete and that hopefully they will be completed by the end of next week. The accounts of the State Police Officers' Fund have not been turned over. The retired people's accounts are being updated. The active accounts are O.K.

MR. ROBERT BLIXT, State Board of Investment: Mr. Blixt talked about the problem of student loans and the investment practices of the State Board of Investment. A Commission memo re "Proper Use of Pension Fund Assets" was read and discussed. (Copies in Memo books). There was considerable discussion with Mr. Blixt and on the subject matter of the memo. It appears that the memo generally reflects the thinking of the Commission.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS: A Commission memo relative to Volunteer Firemen's Associations was read by Mr. Blair Testin. This subject was then rred to the Statewide Fund Subcommittee for further study and research.

FEDERAL GRANTS: Commission memo re "Teachers in TRA occupying positions financed by federal grants" was taken up. There is a problem as to the payment of contributions for TRA pensions and Social Security. It was suggested that someone involved with federal grants be asked to discuss this subject at a meeting of the Commission. This subject will be researched further.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on the 4th Friday of October, October 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. A Statewide Fund Subcommittee meeting was held in the afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Mel Hansen, Secretary

E. Diebel, Steno