

**MINUTES**  
**Minnesota State Retirement System**  
**Board of Directors**  
**April 2, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) met in Special session on Friday, April 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 117, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

**Members Present**

*All members attended via video or phone conference, unless noted otherwise.*

Mary Benner, Chair; Wes Skoglund, Vice Chair; Tommy Bellfield; Chet Jorgenson; Daniel Gorman; Michael Schweyen, Rena Schlottach-Ratcliff (representative for James Schowalter, Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget); Michael Roelofs; Joseph Sullivan; and Jacqueline Terry.

**Excused**

Michael LeDoux

**Others Present**

Kathy Woodruff and Kevin Finnerty, Office of the Attorney General; Mike Landers, Minnesota Retired State Employees Association; Susan Lenczewski and Chad Burkitt, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement; Gary Kloos, Middle Management Association; Jeff Altringer, University of Minnesota, and MSRS staff members: Erin Leonard, (Executive Director), Kurt Augustin, Linda Henderson, Mark Manion, Tim Rekow, and Andrea Cox [attended in-person], .

**Call to Order**

Chair Benner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Introductions were given. The agenda items were taken in the order as shown below. Roll call was taken of Board members.

**Request for Legal Defense and Indemnification from Executive Director**

A MSRS Special Board Meeting was called by Erin Leonard, Executive Director. Benner read a request from that Erin Leonard was acting within the scope of her employment in connection with the allegations made in the *Allison Schaber, on behalf of herself and the Putative Class v. Ramsey County, Minnesota State Retirement System, and Erin Leonard*, and approve her request for legal representation and indemnification and her attorney draft a Certification of Appointing Authority consistent with the Board decision.

*Skoglund moved to approve legal defense and indemnification for Executive Director, Erin Leonard. Bellfield seconded. Roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:22am. On the motion of Roelofs, seconded by Skoglund and passed unanimously by roll call vote.