

## MINUTES

### North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:30 P.M.

Members Via Teams: Chairperson Mona Rindy  
Representative Pamela Anderson  
Senator Dick Dever  
Mr. Adam Miller  
Ms. Kim Wassim  
Ms. Yvonne Smith  
Ms. Casey Goodhouse  
Mr. Troy Seibel  
Mr. Dirk Wilke

Others: Mr. Scott Miller, NDPERS

Chairperson Mona Rindy called the Special Board Meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

#### Conflict of Interest Wavier

Mr. Scott Miller summarized section 6 of HB 1004 requiring the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the NDPERS health plan pharmacy benefit manager for 2019-2021.

Mr. Miller explained the State Auditor will go through a formal bid process to contract with an outside firm to conduct the audit. The State Auditor will work with a consultant to assist with drafting the Request for Proposal. Only one firm responded to the request for a consultant. Linda Cahn works for the respondent. Pharmacy Benefit Consultants disclosed it had previously provided services to NDPERS. Several years ago, Linda Cahn had consulted with the NDPERS Board when it was analyzing proposals by Pharmacy Benefit Managers. The State Auditor questions whether this creates a conflict of interest if they were to use the same company as a consultant.

The Board discussed the Conflict of Interest Wavier drafted by the State Auditor.

**REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAVIER AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. GOODHOUSE.**

**Ayes:** Mr. Wilke, Representative Anderson, Mr. Seibel, Senator Dever, Mr. Adam Miller, Ms. Goodhouse, Ms. Smith, and Chairperson Rindy

**Nays:** Ms. Wassim

**Absent:** None

#### **MOTION PASSED**

Chairperson Rindy called for any other business or comments. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 P.M.

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