

**SOUTHFIELD EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY – MARCH 8, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE – 2:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Julius Maisano, Chair, Oakland County, MI; Ed Gardella, Oakland County, MI; L. Susan Mannisto, Oakland County, MI; Ron Miller, Oakland County, MI

Board Members Absent: Donna Sanders

Others Present: Megan Battersby, Retirement Administrator/SERS; Michael VanOverbeke, Legal Counsel/VMT

The meeting was called to order by Julius Maisano, Chair, at 2:00 p.m. with a roll-call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #S-21-014

Motion by Miller, supported by Mannisto, to approve Agenda, Southfield Employee Retirement System, Special Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

ELECTION DISCUSSION

The Board sadly acknowledged the passing of David Hersh, current SERS Trustee and candidate on the ballot for re-election for the retired employee member position. Legal Counsel reminded the Board that they have the responsibility to establish election rules and have done so, but that current election policy does not specifically address what happens when death during an election occurs. Ballots have already been mailed in conjunction with the election for the retired employee member position and have a return deadline of March 26. Legal Counsel indicated that, because of the death of candidate David Hersh, the Board could proceed with the current election in progress or they could terminate it and restart the entire election process. With absolutely no disrespect to the other current candidate, it has come to light that several retirees have expressed interest in running for the retired employee member position which they did not previously act on because of Mr. Hersh's service to the Board for 10 years. Legal Counsel's recommendation is that the current election be terminated and restarted.

MOTION #S-21-015

Motion by Mannisto supported by Miller, to terminate the election for retired employee member currently in progress and restart the process to allow other retirees who have expressed interest in running for the retired member position, but didn't because of David Hersh's service to the Board for 10 years, to declare their candidacy. Motion Carried Unanimously

There was further discussion regarding how the Board could show thanks and respect to David Hersh for his dedication to the SERS Board. Legal Counsel will present a resolution acknowledging his service for the Board to consider and adopt at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Prepared by Megan Battersby, Retirement Administrator

Approved by Board Motion on March 16, 2021