

**Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund**  
**MINUTES**

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**Government Affairs & Policy Committee**  
**140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio**  
**February 27, 2019**

Call to Order: Committee Chair Desmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**In Attendance:**

**Committee Members/Trustees:**

Deighton, Maloney Stifler, Montgomery, Charles Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Wainscott and **Patton** and **Desmond**

**Staff:**

Foley, Gallagher, Graham, Hall, Harville, Holodnak, McElroy, Miller, O'Brien, Rankin, Sparks

**Others Present:**

Adam Hewit, Legislative Consultant

**EXCUSED TRUSTEE:**

Mr. Desmond moved and Mr. Patton seconded a motion to excuse Mr. Heller from today's meetings. The motion passed with the roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Patton and Desmond

Nays: None

**AGENDA ITEM 1:**

**Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Desmond moved and Mr. Patton seconded a motion that the committee approves the January 23, 2019 Government Affairs and Policy Committee minutes. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Patton and Desmond

Nays: None

**AGENDA ITEM 2:**

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Adam Hewit, Legislative Consultant reviewed the standing Statehouse Leadership Committees for OP&F:

House – Aging & Long Term Care, Chair Arndt, S.

House – Financial Institutions, Chair Jordan

Senate – Government Oversight & Reform, Chair Coley

Senate – Finance General Government & Agency Review Sub

ORSC – Still pending appointments, Chair Schuring

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**AGENDA ITEM 3:**

Ms. Foley, reviewed the Federal Legislative Report. OP&F have pursued a great deal of activity on the federal level in the first quarter. Our federal working group with Sherrod Brown for Medicare at 55 for public safety is progressing quickly now. The bill is expected to be introduced in late March. We have asked for Republican sponsorship from Senator Corey Gardner, R-Colorado who is up for re-election in what is now a blue state. We are cautiously optimistic, as he did not flatly refuse as other Republicans have. We also met with AON and UHC to secure their federal lobbying efforts for Medicare at for public safety. Both agreed.

Mr. Patton attended the NCPERS legislative conference and lobbied on the hill. He distributed information regarding OP&F along with Medicare at 55.

Ms. Foley outlined some of the developments on other federal issues that impact public funds and which we are monitoring with our many public fund partners in the upcoming session:

- Congressional Hearings on Retirement Policy;
- Public Pension Network;
- Pensionomics 2019 Study;
- NCPERS Public Retirement Systems Study;
- NIRS Study;
- Funded Status of US Corporate Pensions;
- New York City Auto – IRAs;
- Virginia Considering a State Based Retirement Plan; and
- Kentucky Legislation;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



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Daniel Desmond, GAPC Chair

**Materials Provided/Attached:**

1. GAPC Minutes 012319
2. State Legislative Standing Committee List
3. Federal Legislative Report