

**MINNESOTA TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUGUST 5, 2020  
MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX DUE TO COVID-19**

Board President Martha Lee Zins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. During the meeting, Zins was in TRA Board room 414. Those attending in addition to Zins were:

Trustees: Denise Anderson, Will Baumann, Melissa Lam Young, Luke Olson, Mary Supple, and Joel Stencel, all participating remotely via WebEx.

TRA Staff: In attendance in TRA board room 414 was Jay Stoffel. In attendance remotely via WebEx were David Anderson, Rachel Barth, Carol Diedrich, Tim Maurer, Leslie Nagel, Sonja Parr, and John Wicklund.

Legal Representative: Kathy Woodruff participated remotely via WebEx.

Others: attending remotely via WebEx was Amy Jorgenson.

**1. Called to order at 1:00 p.m.**

Zins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**2.a. Approval of Minutes of Board meeting on June 17, 2020**

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Supple to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

**3.a. Board Vacancy – Review of Applications**

Each trustee was given the opportunity to present their thoughts about the six applications that were received to fill the Board vacancy. Following that process there was extensive discussion among the Board members regarding the applicants. Board discussion focused on qualifications for being a board member and it was agreed that candidate Raph best met those qualifications. Board members also agreed on the importance of diversity and bringing new perspectives to the Board, and that Raph's teaching experience at several different academic levels, in addition to his work in special education, would be a valuable addition.

It was moved by Denise Anderson and seconded by Lam Young to offer the vacant Board position to Noel Raph. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Baumann that Noel Raph's position on the TRA Board would be effective immediately upon his written acceptance. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **4. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. with a motion by Supple, seconded by Denise Anderson. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Attest:

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J. Michael Stoffel  
Executive Director

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Martha Lee Zins  
President