

subpoena, or other process, before the Board when considered necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the laws of the several systems or of the regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and for this purpose the Board, or any member thereof, may administer oaths to such witnesses.

(11) (a) In addition to hearings required under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Trustees may hold hearings when deemed necessary in the performance of its duty. The hearings shall be governed by rules and regulations of the Board and the Board shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence.

(b) In the event any application for disability retirement on behalf of a State police officer under Article 88B, Section 15(b)(16) is approved by the Board of Trustees for Maryland State Retirement and Pension Systems, the hearing shall be held unless waived in writing by the officer being retired.

(12) The Attorney General of the State of Maryland shall be the legal advisor of the Board of Trustees.

(13) The Board of Trustees shall designate 1 or more medical boards each to be composed of 3 physicians not eligible to participate in any of the several systems. The Board of Trustees may designate up to 3 alternate physicians to a medical board. In the absence of a member an alternate may serve on a medical board. Two members of a board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. Other physicians may be employed to report on special cases whenever required. The medical board or boards shall arrange for and pass upon all medical examinations required under the laws of the several systems, shall investigate all essential statements and certificates by or on behalf of a member in connection with an application for disability retirement, and shall report in writing to the Board of Trustees its conclusions and recommendations upon all the matters referred to it.

(14) (a) The Board of Trustees shall designate an actuary who shall be the technical adviser of the Board of Trustees on matters regarding the operation of the several funds of the systems, and shall perform other duties as are required in connection therewith.

(b) The actuary shall make such investigation of the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members of the systems as he shall recommend and the Board of Trustees shall authorize, and on the basis of the investigations he shall recommend for adoption by the Board of Trustees tables and rates as are required. Having regard to the investigations and recommendations, the Board of Trustees shall adopt mortality tables as shall be deemed necessary and shall certify the rates of contribution payable.