

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**100 North Park Avenue, Room 201**  
**Helena MT 59601**

**CLOSED MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2017**  
**11:15 am**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Board of Trustees*

Maggie Peterson, Vice President  
Mike McGinley, Member  
Julie McKenna, Member  
Marty Tuttle, Member  
Pepper Valdez, Member  
Timm Twardoski, Member

*MPERA Staff*

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director  
William Holahan, Senior Counsel to the Director  
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel  
Katherine Talley, Legal Counsel  
Patricia Davis, Member Services Bureau Chief  
Hollie Koehler, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief  
Sarah Skubinna, Disability Claims Examiner  
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

*Public*

Brian Thompson, Attorney for N.M.

**ACTIONS**

**I. Consent Agenda**

- Member Marty Tuttle moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Member Mike McGinley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**II. Contested Cases**

Informal Consideration – PERS, N.M.

- Member Marty Tuttle moved to uphold the MPERA staff determination that N.M. received the proper service credit for years worked. Member Timm Twardoski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Informal Consideration – PERS Family Law Order, L.M.

- Member Marty Tuttle moved to uphold the MPERA staff determination that L.M. was overpaid retirement benefits and should repay a specified excess amount (including interest) to MPERA. Member Timm Twardoski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Informal Reconsideration – PERS Disability, P.W.

- Member Marty Tuttle moved to approve the eligibility of P.W. for PERS benefits, with an annual review. Member Julie McKenna seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Member Pepper Valdez recused himself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

Legal Cases Update

- The MPERA legal staff provided updates on contested cases. No action was taken by the Board.