

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2018
10:15 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Maggie Peterson, Vice President
Mike McGinley, Member
Julie McKenna, Member
Marty Tuttle, Member
Pepper Valdez, Member (*via telephone*)
Timm Twardoski, Member (*via telephone*)

MPERA Staff

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

Public

R.M. and N.N., petitioners
J.Z. and C.F., petitioners

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 Reconsideration – VFCA, York FSA, J.Z., R.B., C.F.

- Vice-President Maggie Peterson moved to deny the request to give additional years of credited service under the Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA) to three former members of the York Fire Service Area. Member Mike McGinley seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Member Julie McKenna recused herself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

Informal Consideration – PERS, D.R.

- Member Mike McGinley moved to support staff recommendation that D.R. is liable to MPERA for \$11,790 worth of late payment penalties. Member Pepper Valdez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Mike McGinley requested that MPERA conduct research as to whether any future consideration of this particular case should be done in an open meeting, pointing to the fact that this case involves two governmental entities.

Informal Reconsideration – PERS, M.E.

- Member Mike McGinley moved to reverse the Board's prior decision and to allow M.E. to participate in the PERS Defined Contribution plan. Member Marty Tuttle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Legal Cases Update

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

III. Disability Denials

Informal Reconsideration of Disability Denial – PERS, S.P.

- No action was taken by the Board, as S.P. has withdrawn the request for reconsideration.