

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

**CLOSED MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2014**  
**12:45 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Board of Trustees*

Scott Moore, President – absent/excused  
Mike McGinley, Vice President  
Warren Dupuis, Member  
Maggie Peterson, Member  
Melissa Strecker, Member  
Timm Twardoski, Member – absent/excused  
Sheena Wilson, Member

*MPERA Staff*

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director  
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel  
Patricia Davis, Member Services Bureau Chief  
Barbara Quinn, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief  
Fallon Stanton, Legal Counsel  
Sarah Skubinna, Disability Examiner  
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

**ACTIONS**

**I. Consent Agenda**

- Member Melissa Strecker moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the exception of one disability claim (TC) that she requested be pulled for a separate vote due to her familiarity to the claimant. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Maggie Peterson moved to approve the disability claim of TC. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Member Melissa Strecker recused herself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

**II. Contested Cases**

Informal Reconsideration – PERS, BH

- Member Sheena Wilson moved to deny the disability claim of BH. Member Melissa Strecker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Two Helena Police Department officers were present at the hearing, as a security measure.

#### Informal Reconsideration – PERS, AF

- Vice President Mike McGinley moved to grant an extension of time to AF, with the claimant’s disability request to be heard at the Board’s February 12, 2015 meeting. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Informal Consideration – PERS, GB

- Member Melissa Strecker moved to waive the entire amount of liability owed by GB. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed 3/2. Members Warren Dupuis and Maggie Peterson opposed.

#### Informal Consideration – PERS, RR

- Member Warren Dupuis granted the request of RR to return to active MPORS service, with the understanding that MPERA intends to look at the process to fix issues related to “a retiree returning to active service and re-entering a retirement system” in MPORS and other like-affected systems in the future but could not guarantee any specific formula for the calculation of a benefit upon second retirement. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Informal Consideration – PERS, MR

- Vice President Mike McGinley moved to deny the request of MR to change the retirement effective date, noting that MPERA had provided incorrect dates on communication to the claimant. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Informal Consideration – PERS, LC

- Member Sheena Wilson moved to award full service credit and membership service to LC. Member Warren Dupuis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Legal Cases Update

Fallon Stanton, MPERA Legal Counsel, provided an update on the contested case of CO. No action was taken by the Board.