

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

SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 5, 2013

MINUTES

Board Members

Scott Moore, President (*via telephone*)
Terrence Smith, Vice President (*via telephone*)
Bob Bugni, Member
Mike McGinley, Member
Melissa Strecker, Member (*via telephone*)
Timm Twardoski, Member (*via telephone*)
Sheena Wilson, Member

MPERA Staff

Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Attorneys

Marjorie Thomas, Attorney, State Human Resources Division, representing the Board
Phil Hohenlohe, Attorney, representing Roxanne Minnehan

Public

Tom Schneider, MPEA
Mark Murphy, MCAA
Chuck Johnson, Lee Newspapers
Matt Gouras, Associated Press

Call to Order

President Scott Moore called the special meeting of the Public Employees' Retirement Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

All members were present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on items not appearing on the agenda.

Mark Murphy, MCAA, and Chuck Johnson, Lee Newspapers, asked the Board to consider keeping the meeting open as they believed the personnel issue on the agenda was of public

interest. There was discussion on individual privacy and public right to know, including comments by two of the attorneys in attendance, Mr. Phil Hohenlohe and Ms. Marjorie Thomas.

Following the discussion, Board President Scott Moore closed the meeting at 9:10 a.m., stating that the personnel issue related to matters of individual privacy and, furthermore, did not involve criminal activity or impropriety.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 11:10 a.m.

The Board announced that it had completed its evaluation of the personnel issue and was reinstating Roxanne Minnehan, who had been on administrative leave for two weeks. The reinstatement was to be effective the next business day.

In addition, the Board issued the following public statement:

The Board has completed its assessment of the situation, discussed possible options, and has decided to reinstate Ms. Minnehan. She will resume her duties tomorrow.

There have been no allegations of any improprieties on Ms. Minnehan's part and the public should have no concerns regarding the retirement plans or its administration.

The MPERA Board and management, including Ms. Minnehan, have mutually committed to move forward cooperatively to fulfill their responsibilities to the State of Montana and the active and retired members of Montana's public employee retirement systems.

Adjournment

The special meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.