

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2022
11:50 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Maggie Peterson, President
Rich Hickel, Vice President
Robyn Driscoll, Member
Terry Halpin, Member (*via video conference*)
Jason Strouf, Member
Sheena Wilson, Member
Sonja Woods, Member

MPERA Staff

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director
William Holahan, Deputy Director
Nick Domitrovich, Chief Legal Counsel
Hollie Resler, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief
James Malizia, Attorney
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Public

Three Representatives of MSFA/MSOPFF
PERS Member W.K. and Spouse
Spouse of PERS Member M.D.
PERS Member C.S. (*via video conference*)
HPORS Member Z.M.* and Attorney (*via video conference*)

*Incorrectly posted on agenda as MPORS Member

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

- Vice President Rich Hickel moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. Disability Denials

- Member Jason Strouf moved to deny the disability claim of SRS member C.P., as presented. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Vice President Rich Hickel moved to deny the disability claim of FURS member K.N., as presented. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Contested Cases

- Informal Consideration: Member Sonja Woods moved to uphold staff recommendation to overturn the previous disability denial of claimant W.K. and grant an ongoing disability retirement benefit. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Vice President Rich Hickel moved to uphold staff recommendation to allow a re-review of the disability case of HPORS member S.F. by the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) in order that newly submitted information may be considered. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Vice President Rich Hickel moved to uphold the Board's previous decision to deny the disability claim of PERS member M.D., as presented. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Member Jason Wood moved to uphold staff recommendation to allow a re-review of the disability case of PERS member C.S. by the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) in order that newly submitted information may be considered. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Member Sonja Woods moved to uphold staff recommendation to allow a re-review of the disability case of HPORS member Z.M. by the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) in order that newly submitted information may be considered. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The MPERA legal staff had no additional updates on contested cases.