

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, October 6, 2022
11:25 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

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

FURS Member K.N. (*via video conference*)
PERS Member R.C. and Spouse (*via video conference*)
Two Representatives of MSFA/MSCOPFF

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

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

II. Disability Denials

- Member Sheena Wilson moved to deny the disability claim of PERS member R.W., as presented. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Members Robyn Driscoll and Terry Halpin were recused from the discussion and vote.
- Member Terry Halpin moved to approve the disability claim of MPORS member D.D., with a re-review of the disability case by the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) required in one year. Member Robyn Driscoll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Contested Cases

- Informal Consideration: Member Jason Strouf moved to overturn the previous disability denial of claimant K.N. and grant a disability retirement benefit with a re-review of the disability case by the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) required in one year. Vice President Rich Hickel 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 R.C., as presented. Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed 5-1. Member Jason Strouf voted in opposition.
- Informal Consideration: The disability case of SRS member C.P. was postponed at the request of the claimant in order that additional information may be submitted to the third-party medical examiner (MMRO) for consideration.