

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2022
9:30 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

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

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

PERS Member R.C. and Spouse
PERS Member C.S. *(via video conference)*

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

- Member Sheena Wilson moved to approve the October 6, 2022 closed meeting minutes and the disability report, as presented. Member Jason Strouf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Terry Halpin moved to approve the finalized service retirements/death benefits report, as presented. Member Jason Strouf seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Vice President Rich Hickel and Member Sheena Wilson recused themselves from the discussion and vote.

II. Contested Cases

- Informal Consideration: The disability case of HPORS member S.F. was postponed at the request of the claimant.
- Informal Reconsideration: Member Sonja Woods moved to uphold staff recommendation to overturn the previous disability denial of PERS member R.C. and grant an ongoing disability retirement benefit. Member Jason Strouf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Informal Reconsideration: Member Jason Strouf moved to postpone action on the disability case of PERS member C.S. in order that the claimant may submit additional information to the third-party medical examiner (MMRO). Member Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The MPERA legal staff provided an update on contested cases. No action was taken by the Board.

III. Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

- The Executive Director's progress against established performance objectives and annual leadership competency evaluation was discussed. No action was taken by the Board.