

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, February 9, 2023
9:50 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Maggie Peterson, President
Rich Hickel, Vice President
Robyn Driscoll, Member
Terry Halpin, Member
Jason Strouf, Member
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
Jade Herrera, Benefits Specialist Supervisor
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Public

SRS Member T.B. and Attorney

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

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

II. Disability Denials

- Member Jason Strouf moved to approve the disability denials of PERS members D.H., J.W. and K.L., as presented. Member Robyn Driscoll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Contested Cases

- Vice President Rich Hickel moved to approve the Adoption of Proposed Order for PERS member W.S., as presented. Member Robyn Driscoll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Member Jason Strouf moved uphold staff recommendation to grant HPORS member S.F. one year of disability retirement benefits with medical review at the end of that term. Member Robyn Driscoll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Member Jason Strouf moved to allow the disability case of SRS member T.B. to proceed using the common litigation procedure of exchanging legal briefs, which is atypical for a disability case review. Member Terry Halpin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The MPERA legal staff provided an update on contested cases. No action was taken by the Board.