

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, August 10, 2023
11:45 am

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Maggie Peterson, President
Rich Hickel, Vice President
Dave Galt, Member
Terry Halpin, Member
Doug Kary, Member
Jason Strouf, 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

SRS Member A.H.
PERS DC Member S.M. and Spouse (*via video conference*)
PERS Member C.S. (*via video conference*)

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 deny the disability claim of GWPORS member A.M., as presented. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Contested Cases

- Informal Consideration: Vice President Rich Hickel moved to uphold staff recommendation to deny SRS member A.H.'s disability claim. Member Doug Kary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Informal Consideration: Vice President Rich Hickel moved to uphold staff recommendation to deny PERS DC member S.M.'s disability claim. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Informal Consideration: Member Sonja Woods moved to uphold staff recommendation to approve PERS disability retirement benefits for C.S., with a two-year review to be conducted in October 2025. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed 6-1. Member Dave Galt voted in opposition.
- The MPERA legal staff had no additional updates on contested cases.