

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

**CLOSED MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2024**  
**10:50 am**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Board of Trustees*

Maggie Peterson, President  
Rich Hickel, Vice President  
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*

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

**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. Contested Cases**

- Informal Reconsideration: Member Jason Strouf moved to uphold staff recommendation to approve the disability claim of PERS member S.M. with a review to be conducted in one year, as presented. Vice President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Legal Cases Update: Vice President Rich Hickel moved to approve issuance of corrected 2023 1099-Rs displaying \$0 in box 2a to any members of JRS, HPORS, SRS, and GWPORS who have a duty-related disability benefit that is less than 50% of their highest average compensation that has also been converted to a normal service retirement. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.