

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

**CLOSED MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2024**  
**10:45 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*

William Holahan, Executive Director  
Hollie Resler, Deputy Director and Fiscal Services Bureau Chief  
Nick Domitrovich, Chief Legal Counsel  
James Malizia, Attorney  
Jade Herrera, Benefits Specialist Supervisor  
Kelly Winterburn-Cox, Network Administrator  
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

*Public*

None

**ACTIONS**

**I. Consent Agenda**

- Member Jason Strouf moved to approve the Meeting Minutes and Disability Report on the consent agenda, as presented. Vice-President Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Sonja Woods moved to approve the Finalized Service Retirements/Death Benefits report on the consent agenda, as presented. Member Dave Galt seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Member Terry Halpin was recused from the vote.

**II. Disability Denials**

- Member Dave Galt moved to deny the disability claims of PERS member V.D., HPORS member G.G., and SRS member K.H., as presented. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**III. Contested Cases**

- Proposed Order: Member Doug Kary moved to uphold the staff recommendation to adopt the Hearing Examiner's August 28, 2024 Proposed Order related to PERS member D.W. as the Board's final decision—with the exception of clarifying the second sentence included under Finding of Fact #2. Member Jason Strouf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The MPERA legal staff had no additional updates on contested cases.