

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, August 14, 2025
11:00 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
Jade Herrera, Benefits Specialist Supervisor
Jessica Jones, Quality Assurance Analyst
Kelly Winterburn-Cox, Network Administrator
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Public

FURS Member C.E. and Supporters
MPORS Member R.G. (*via video conference*)

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

- Member Jason Strouf moved to approve the consent agenda, minus the disability case of SRS member K.M., as presented. Member Sonja Woods seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Terry Halpin moved to approve the disability case of SRS member K.M, as presented. Member Dave Galt seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Vice President Rich Hickel was recused from the vote.

II. Disability Denials

- Member Dave Galt moved to deny the disability claim of PERS member F.M. and GWPORS member K.H., as presented. Member Doug Kary seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Vice President Rich Hickel was recused from the vote.

III. Contested Cases

- Informal Consideration: Member Jason Strouf moved that the Board approve the disability claim of FURS member C.E., with the clarification that the claimant's disability is not duty-related as

shown on the agenda. Member Dave Galt seconded the motion, which passed 5-2. Vice President Rich Hickel and Member Doug Kary voted in opposition.

- Informal Consideration: Member Doug Kary moved that the Board approve the disability claim of MPORS member R.G., as presented. Member Dave Galt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BOARD REQUESTS

- The Board asked MPERA to provide an educational presentation on the agency's third-party disability examiner, MMRO, at the next regular Board meeting.