

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
1:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Committee

Maggie Peterson, Chair *(via video conference)*
Rich Hickel, Member *(via video conference)*
Robyn Driscoll, Member *(via video conference)*
Jason Strouf, Member
Sheena Wilson, Member

MPERA Staff

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director
William Holahan, Deputy Director
Nick Domitrovich, Chief Legal Counsel
James Malizia, Attorney
Kyle Hartse, Compliance Auditor *(via video conference)*
Kris Vladoic, Legal Specialist *(via video conference)*
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Public

Sarah Piper, MFPE *(via video conference)*
Dan Smith, MPPA *(via video conference)*

ACTIONS

V. Approve Legislative Committee Minutes

- Committee Chair Maggie Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Committee's February 14, 2023 meeting, as presented. Member Rich Hickel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI.A. Update on MPERA Legislation

- General discussion. No formal action was taken on this item.

VI.B. Update on Other Legislation

- General discussion. No formal action was taken on this item.

VI.C. Legislative Tracking

- Member Jason Strouf moved that the Board be informational on House Bill 569, a proposal to generally revise pensions laws including the determination of contributions in JRS, HPORS, SRS, and GWPORS. Committee Chair Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Jason Strouf moved that the Board be an opponent of Senate Bill 348, a proposal to remove the guaranteed annual benefit adjustment for new employees in all defined benefit pension systems. Committee Chair Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI.D. Schedule Next Legislative Committee Meeting

- The Legislative Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. (although a meeting may be scheduled for an earlier date if needed).