

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
**1:30 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Committee*

Maggie Peterson, Committee Chair (*via video conference*)  
Rich Hickel, Member (*via video conference*)  
Terry Halpin, Member (*via video conference*)  
Doug Kary, Member (*via video conference*)  
Jason Strouf, Member (*via video conference*)  
Sonja Woods, Member (*via video conference*)

*MPERA Staff*

William Holahan, Executive Director  
Hollie Resler, Deputy Director and Fiscal Services Bureau Chief  
Nick Domitrovich, Chief Legal Counsel (*via video conference*)  
Shari Hagengruber, Publication Specialist (*via video conference*)  
Kelly Winterburn-Cox, Network Administrator  
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

*Public*

John Foster, MSFA/MSOPFF (*via video conference*)  
Shelby DeMars, MPPA (*via video conference*)

**ACTIONS**

**V. Approve Legislative Committee Minutes**

- Member Rich Hickel moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Committee's January 20, 2025 meeting, as presented. Member Terry Halpin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**VI.A. Update on MPERA Legislation**

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

**VI.B. Legislative Tracking**

- Member Doug Kary moved that the Board be a proponent on LC1564, a legislative concept to revise worker's compensation law to cover PTSD for first responders and others. Member Jason Strouf seconded the motion, which passed 5-1. Member Rich Hickel voted in opposition.
- Member Rich Hickel moved that the Board be a proponent on LC2376, a legislative concept to generally revise state finance laws. Member Terry Halpin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Jason Strouf moved that the Board be a proponent on SB 208 (formerly LC1064), a bill to revise the definition of "dependent child" in HPORS, MPORS and FURS. Member Doug Kary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **VI.C. Schedule Next Legislative Committee Meeting**

- The Legislative Committee did not schedule any future meetings but agreed to include a legislative update at the Board's next regular meeting on February 13, 2025. The Legislative Committee does reserve the right to schedule a meeting at any time based on business needs.