

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

CLOSED MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 2015
1:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Sheena Wilson, President
Mike McGinley, Vice President
Julie McKenna, Member
Maggie Peterson, Member
Marty Tuttle, Member
Timm Twardoski, Member
Pepper Valdez, Member (*via telephone*)

MPERA Staff

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel
Patricia Davis, Member Services Bureau Chief
William Holahan, Legal Counsel
Katherine Talley, Legal Counsel
Sarah Skubinna, Disability Examiner
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

ACTIONS

I. Consent Agenda

- Vice-President Mike McGinley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. President Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. Contested Cases

Informal Consideration – SRS, D.P.

- President Sheena Wilson moved to deny D.P.'s challenge to MPERA's decision to cancel the SRS retirement benefit until August 2015 and to recoup the retirement benefits overpaid to D.P. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed 6-1. Vice-President Mike McGinley voted in opposition.

Informal Consideration – PERS, R.B.

- President Sheena Wilson moved to deny R.B.'s request to retire as R.B. remains in a PERS-covered position for which PERS coverage was voluntarily elected. Member Julie McKenna seconded the motion, which passed 5-1. Vice-President Mike McGinley voted in opposition. Member Pepper Valdez recused himself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

Informal Consideration – PERS, J.M.

- Vice-President Mike McGinley moved to deny J.M.'s request to again recalculate the retirement benefit by replacing lower months within the HAC period with prorated lump-sum payment months on other than a consecutive basis. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Informal Consideration – VFCA Racetrack VFD

- President Sheena Wilson moved to deny Racetrack VFD's request to amend their Annual Certificate for FY 2010 for a second time, but to grant K.I. credited service for FY 2006 and FY 2007. Member Marty Tuttle seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Member Maggie Peterson recused herself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

Legal Cases Update

- William Holahan, MPERA Legal Counsel, provided updates on contested cases. No action was taken by the Board.