

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

**CLOSED MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 10, 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

*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

*Public*

D.P., SRS member  
K.F., friend of D.P.

**ACTIONS**

**I. Consent Agenda**

- Member Maggie Peterson moved to approve the closed meeting minutes of October 8, 2015, as presented. Vice-President Mike McGinley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Maggie Peterson moved to approve the disability report, with the claims of K.B, G.G., J.M., and P.S. pulled for further consideration. Member Marty Tuttle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Vice-President Mike McGinley moved to approve the disability claim of J.M. as presented. President Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Member Maggie Peterson moved to approve the disability claim of K.B. as presented. Member Marty Tuttle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Vice-President Mike McGinley moved to approve the disability claim of P.S. as presented. President Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed 6/0. Member Maggie Peterson recused herself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.
- Member Marty Tuttle moved to approve the disability claim of G.G. as presented. President Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed 6/0. Member Julie McKenna recused herself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.
- President Sheena Wilson moved to approve the finalized service retirements/death benefits as presented. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **II. Contested Cases**

### Informal Reconsideration – SRS, D.P.

- President Sheena Wilson moved to uphold staff recommendation to recoup the retirement benefits overpaid to D.P., with the provisions that staff negotiate a liberal repayment timeline and that no interest be charged. Member Marty Tuttle seconded the motion, which passed 6-1. Vice-President Mike McGinley voted in opposition.

### Proposed Order – PERS, B.H.

- President Sheena Wilson moved to adopt the Hearing Examiner's Proposed Order as the Board's final decision. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Legal Cases Update

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