

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, February 9, 2015**  
**1:30 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

*Committee*

Sheena Wilson, Chair  
Scott Moore, Member (*via telephone*)  
Maggie Peterson, Member (*via telephone*)  
Mike McGinley, Member  
Warren Dupuis, Member (*via telephone*)  
Melissa Strecker, Member (*via telephone*)  
Timm Twardoski, Member (*via telephone*)

*MPERA Staff*

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director  
Barbara Quinn, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief  
Patricia Davis, Member Services Bureau Chief  
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel  
Fallon Stanton, Legal Counsel  
Hollie Koehler, Internal Auditor  
Kris Vlastic, Program Manager  
Armando Oropeza, Education & Training Specialist  
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

*Public*

Tom Schneider, MPEA  
Mike O'Connor, AMRPE  
Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT  
Terrence Smith, Big Sky Water and Sewer  
Doug Neil, MSFA  
Jessie Luther, AMT

**ACTIONS**

**IV. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2015**

- Member Mike McGinley moved to approve the Legislative Committee's February 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Member Warren Dupuis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **V.A. Update on MPERA Legislation**

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

#### **V.B. Update on Other Legislation**

- **HB 392** – This bill generally revises municipal police officer retirement system laws, including how to calculate a pension benefit for a second retirement. Member Scott Moore moved to support the bill. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **HB 408** – This bill generally revises pension laws, including contract rights for new employees hired after January 1, 2016. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson moved to oppose the bill, noting that such opposition was “on principle” and that no future amendments could possibly make the bill acceptable. Member Scott Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **SB 121** – This bill revises what employment by a PERS retiree is considered active member service. Member Mike McGinley moved to support the bill as currently amended. Member Maggie Peterson seconded the motion, which passed 5/2. Members Scott Moore and Melissa Strecker voted in opposition.
- **SB 238** – This bill generally revises highway patrol officer retirement system laws, including the creation of a DROP. Member Scott Moore moved to oppose, and Member Mike McGinley seconded. Following further discussion of the bill, Member Scott Moore withdrew his previous motion and moved to remain neutral on the bill. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **V.C. Legislative Tracking**

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

#### **V.D. Schedule Next Legislative Committee Meeting**

- The Legislative Committee plans to conduct necessary business at the Board’s regular meeting on February 12, 2015.