

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
1:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Committee

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

MPERA Staff

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director
Barbara Quinn, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief
Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel
Hollie Koehler, Internal Auditor
Cynthia Pearson, Executive Assistant

Public

Tom Schneider, MPEA
Mike O'Connor, AMRPE
Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
Doug Neil, MSFA
Terrence Smith, Active DC Plan Participant (*via telephone*)
Leonard Lundby, MSVFA (*via telephone*)
Sheryl Wood, MACo (*via telephone*)

ACTIONS

IV. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2015

- Member Melissa Strecker moved to approve the Legislative Committee's February 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V.A. Update on Legislation

- **HB 483** – This bill generally revises firefighter pension laws. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson moved to oppose the bill as written, with the ability to become informational as the bill is potentially amended. Member Scott Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- **HB 555** – This bill generally revises laws related to volunteer firefighters, including increasing the allowance from \$300 to \$3,000. The Board agreed to take no position at this time.
- **LC 1422** – This bill draft would revise the compensation definition and funding in police and fire retirement systems. The Board agreed to take no position at this time.
- **HB 13** – This bill is the state employee pay plan. Chairwoman Sheena Wilson moved to show support to the current state employee pay plan. Member Scott Moore seconded the motion, which passed 5/1. Vice President Mike McGinley voted in opposition.

V.B. Legislative Tracking

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

V.C. Schedule Next Legislative Committee Meeting

- The Legislative Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be a conference call.