PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
October 21, 2026
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Notice of this meeting has been provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Board filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The 2026 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 19, 2025.

DISCLOSURE OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(A) When necessary, the Board shall adopt Resolution A to go into closed session to consider individuals' disability applications, which states:

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees go into closed session for purposes of discussing matters pertaining to disability retirement which involves material involving personal medical and health records, data, reports and recommendations relating to specific individuals, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(3). Those matters are confidential unless expressly waived by the individual involved.

The actions taken during closed session relating to a disability retirement are anticipated to become available to the public immediately at the conclusion of the meeting and will be posted on the Division of Pensions and Benefits' website within a reasonable time; however, personal information pertaining to an individual shall be redacted from the minutes of such meeting and shall remain confidential until after such time as the Board determines that the need of confidentiality no longer exists under state and federal law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the matters discussed can be disclosed.

(B) When necessary, the Board shall adopt Resolution B to go into executive session to request/receive attorney-client advice from legal counsel, which states:

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees go into closed session to discuss matters falling within the attorney client privilege, and/or matters in which litigation is pending or anticipated, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7).

The minutes of such meeting shall remain confidential until after such time as the Board determines that the need of confidentiality no longer exists and the matters discussed can be disclosed and the Board waives the attorney-client privilege.

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Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of September 16, 2026

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Retirement and Death Lists

C-1 Active and Retired Death List

C-2	Retirement List
C-3	Chapter 221 List
C-4	Return to Employment List

CLOSED SESSION

Ordinary Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Decision:
D-1	Piesco, Ryan	Watchung Hills Regional High School	02/01/2025	A	Re-examination
D-2	Yachera, William	Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	01/01/2026	2	
D-3	Keely, Joseph	Rockaway Twp	11/01/2024	A	Re-examination
D-4	Freeman, Jr., Gerald	Woodbridge Twp	06/01/2026	5	
D-5	Ramirez, Maritza	Perth Amboy BOE	11/01/2025	C	
D-6	Monthly OD Grid				

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Accidental Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Accident Date:	Decision:
E-1	Hernandez, Alexander	Perth Amboy City	11/01/2026	A	4/26/2024	
E-2	Cinquegrana, Susan	Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District	05/01/2025	D	9/30/2021	
E-3	Berhe, Halefom	Passaic City	04/01/2025	C	4/17/2024	

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Retirement Issues

F-1 Wagner, William - Regional Operations Central - Appeals the Division's determination that the member's post-retirement employment violated PERS rules
ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVED

F-2 Vernon, Nadine - New Lisbon Developmental Center - Appeals the Division's recalculation of retirement benefits

F-3 Evans, Kevin - Judiciary/Hudson County - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits

F-4 Biernat, Paul - Ocean County Board of Social Services - Honorable Service

F-5 Donato, John - Passaic Valley Water Commission - Honorable Service

F-6 Quinones, Louis - Camden City - Honorable Service

F-7 Ligus, Timothy - West Milford Twp - Honorable Service

F-8 Crisafulli, Theresa - Dunellen Borough - Honorable Service

F-9 Nicklson, Debra - Montclair Twp - Honorable Service

F-10 Oksienik, Richard - Vernon Twp BOE - Appeals the Division's determination that post-retirement employment violated PERS rules

F-11 Sciabarassi, David - Hunterdon Developmental Center - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits

F-12 Marchewka, Frank - Office of the Public Defender - Honorable Service

F-13 Swan, Cheryl - Rutgers University - Honorable Service

F-14 Almaita, Mounir - Haledon Borough - Discussion of Subpoena Issuance

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Hearing Decision

G-1 Lloyd, Tracie - Judiciary - Initial Decision - The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions; Reply to Exceptions

G-2 Bolcato, John - South Brunswick Twp - Hearing Withdrawal

G-3 S, C - Treasury, Division of Purchase & Property - Appellate Division Decision -The Court reversed the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits

G-4 Yurkow, Stephen - Judiciary/Burlington County - Initial Decision -The ALJ reversed the Board’s determination and recommended that the Petitioner is eligible to receive Deferred retirement benefits

G-5 Anderson, Anne Marie - State Police Civilian Employees - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits but concluded that the Petitioner is totally and permanently disabled and therefore recommended Ordinary Disability retirement benefits; Respondent's Exceptions; Petitioner's Exceptions and the reply thereto

G-6 Burgos, Richard - Middlesex County - Initial Decision -On remand, the ALJ reversed the Board’s denial and recommended Accidental Disability retirement benefits

G-7 LaPooh, Jeffrey - Plainsboro Twp - Initial Decision -The ALJ reversed the Board’s determination and recommended that the Petitioner is eligible to receive Deferred retirement benefits

G-8 Schuh, Susan - Bergen County Board of Special Services - Initial Decision -The ALJ reversed the Board’s denial and recommended Ordinary Disability retirement benefits

G-9 Venezio, Joseph - Linden City - Hearing Withdrawal

G-10 Panfili, Paul - Mercer County - Discussion of pending litigation in the OAL

G-11 Snipes, Velma - Trenton Psychiatric Hospital - Final Administrative Determination

G-12 Thompson, Maurice - Vineland Developmental Center - Final Administrative Determination

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Hearing Request

H-1 Pratt, Kevin - Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders - Appeals the Board's denial of Deferred retirement benefits due to dismissal for cause

H-2 Rinaldi, Gerard - Lodi Borough - Appeals the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits

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Active Membership Issues

J-1 Collazo, Vanessa - Hunterdon Central High School - Request for a 10-year PERS membership extension

J-2 Branco, Scott - CPM-Project Management - Request to purchase uncredited service

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Death Claim Issues

K-1 Gallagher, Joseph (deceased) - Wildwood City - The beneficiary appeals the repayment of the outstanding balance assessed on the late member's retirement account

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Informational Issues

L-1 PERS Board Meeting Dates for 2027

L-2 Wire Transfers Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims for August 2026

L-3 Wire Transfers PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900, for August 2026

L-4 Wire Transfers Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims for September 2026

L-5 Wire Transfers PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900, for September 2026

"+" Indicates personal appearance

The next meeting of the Board will be held on November 18, 2026