

# **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**January 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.

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(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 December 10, 2025

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### **Miscellaneous Issues**

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Retirement and Death Lists

C-1            Active and Retired Death List

C-2            Retirement List

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Ordinary Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Decision:
D-1	Elias, Debra	Penns Grove Carneys Point Regional School District	10/01/2025	D	
D-2	McCloud, Charles	Rutgers University	12/01/2024	C	
D-3	Castillo, Judith	Judiciary/Hudson County	07/01/2025	A	
D-4	McKinnon, Karen	Bergen County Board of Special Services	10/01/2025	D	
D-5	Lowe, Jeri	Hawthorne BOE	10/01/2024	5	
D-6	Lovallo, Nicholas	Egg Harbor Twp BOE	01/01/2026	D	
D-7	Danka, Stacy	Hamilton Twp BOE (Mercer County)	11/01/2025	5	ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVED
D-8	Monthly OD Grid				

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**Accidental Disability**

	<b>Member's Name &amp; No.:</b>	<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>Option:</b>	<b>Accident Date:</b>	<b>Decision:</b>
E-1	Jack, Jennifer	Burlington County Board of Special Services	07/01/2021	5	3/4/2013	
E-2	Guazzo, Theresa	Toms River School District	01/01/2025	C	2/6/2024	Request to reinstate application for disability retirement
E-3	Wittje, Lyudmila	Ancora Psychiatric Hospital	11/01/2024	A	3/19/2012 12/9/2015 3/22/2021	
E-4	Sease, Marlyn	Vineland Developmental Center	11/01/2024	5	5/30/2023	
E-5	Lefferts, Kevin	Delran Twp	06/01/2025	C	3/7/2015 7/10/2017 1/18/2019	

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**Retirement Issues**

- F-1      Nielsen, Brian - Bernards Twp BOE - Honorable Service
  
- F-2      Schollenberger, Jane - Motor Vehicle Commission - Honorable Service
  
- F-3      Garrett, Ginger - Union County Board of Social Services - Request to change retirement from Early to Service
  
- F-4      Thomas, DeAnna - Hunterdon Developmental Center - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits
  
- F-5      Cimino, Valerie - Little Egg Harbor Twp BOE - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits
  
- F-6      Dawkins-Truman, Judy - Cumberland County - Appeals the Division's determination that post-retirement employment violated PERS rules
  
- F-7      Stanley, Evelyn - Hillside BOE - Appeals the Division's determination that post-retirement employment violated PERS rules
  
- F-8      McShea, James - Dept. of Labor, Unemployment Insurance & Disability - Honorable Service

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**Hearing Decision**

- G-1      Patel, Varshababen - Ancora Psychiatric Hospital - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits

- G-2      Roa, Jose - Trenton City - Initial Decision - On remand, the ALJ reversed the Board's denial and recommended Accidental Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions
- G-3      Makarevic, Stanley - Rutgers University - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-4      DeGroat, Frank - Ridgewood Village - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-5      Hutchinson, MacMillan - Vineland Developmental Center - Executed Settlement Agreement
- G-6      Obuch, Richard - Elizabeth City - Discussion of pending litigation in the OAL

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**Hearing Request**

- H-1+      Avery, Melissa - Treasury, Division of Taxation - Appeals the Board's denial of Deferred retirement benefits due to dismissal for cause  
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- H-2      Quinn, Ellen - Neptune City BOE - Appeals the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-3      Felice, Karen - Middlesex County Utilities Authority - Appeals the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-4      Maggio, Joseph - Brick Twp Municipal Utilities Authority - Appeals the Board's denial of the request for a retroactive effective date of the member's previous purchase of Out-of-State service
- H-5      Schuck, Susan - Wayne BOE - Appeals the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits and the Board's determination that the member is not eligible to apply for Disability retirement
- H-6      Forbes, Krystal - Dept. of Children and Families - Appeals the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-7      Pizutelli, Harry - Dept. of Human Services, Division of Disability Services - Appeals the Board's total forfeiture of service and salary credit - a) Reconsideration; b) Hearing Request
- H-8      Reid, Georgia - Ancora Psychiatric Hospital - Appeals the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits

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**Active Membership Issues**

- J-1      Jamieson, Gary - Rahway City BOE - Requests retroactive PERS enrollment

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**Informational Issues**

- L-1      Appellate Division Decision - Joseph Grieco v. PFRS

- L-2 Appellate Division Decision - Prinsipe L. Amante v. PFRS
- L-3 Appellate Division Decision - Jennifer Kackos v. TPAF
- L-4 Wire Transfers Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims - October 2025
- L-5 Wire Transfers PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900 - October 2025
- L-6 Wire Transfers Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims - November 2025
- L-7 Wire Transfers PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900 - November 2025
- L-8 Common Pension Fund E as of October 31, 2025
- L-9 Common Pension Fund E as of November 30, 2025

**"+" Indicates personal appearance**

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