

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

May 15, 2024

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 2024 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 29, 2023.

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.

OPEN SESSION

Called to Order: --

Adjourned: --

Roll Call:

Absent:

Also Present:

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Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of April 17, 2024

OPEN SESSION

Retirement and Death Lists

C-1 Active and Retired Death List

C-2 Retirement List

CLOSED SESSION

Ordinary Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Decision:
D-1	Bradsher, Denice	Office of the Public Defender	06/01/2023	5	
D-2	Crane, Charles	Linden City	01/01/2024	C	
D-3	Jastrzebski, Michele	Washington Twp BOE (Gloucester Co.)	07/01/2023	A	
D-4	Monthly OD Grid				

CLOSED SESSION

Accidental Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Accident Date:	Decision:
E-1	Thieme, Carl	Fair Lawn Borough	12/01/2022	5	2/8/2022	Resubmission
E-2	McLaughlan, Susan	Watchung Hills Regional High School	11/01/2023	5	2/1/2022	Resubmission
E-3	Trapp, Donald	Ocean County Utilities Authority	10/01/2023	A	5/25/2022	
E-4	Lucash, Michael	Somerset County Finance Office	01/01/2024	5	11/22/2022	
E-5	Jensen, Erik	Margate City	05/01/2023	5	11/14/2020	
E-6	Ordille, Betty	Ancora Psychiatric Hospital	01/01/2023	5	6/2/2021	
E-7	Matlock, Donna	Dept. of Corrections	06/01/2023	5	3/8/2022	
E-8	Estevez, Elizabeth	Dept. of Children & Families	01/01/2024	5	8/16/2019	
E-9	Schuh, Susan	Bergen County Board of Special Services	04/01/2024	5	1/26/2023	

OPEN SESSION

Retirement Issues

- F-1 Cannone, Michael - Union County - Honorable Service
- F-2 Bigley, Thomas - Mercer County - Honorable Service
- F-3 Dunston, Ronald - Dept. of Community Affairs - Reconsideration of request to change retirement option from Option A to Option D
- F-4 Cherian, Steve - Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital - Honorable Service
- F-5 Ward, Vera - Mercer County - Honorable Service
- F-6 Miller, David - Mercer County - Honorable Service
- F-7 Le, Thuan - Jersey City - Request to change retirement option from Option A to Option 2
- F-8 Shumpert, Marion - Teaneck Twp - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits
- F-9 Mecca, Michael - Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission - Honorable Service -Discussion of subpoena issuance

F-10 Cortes-Delgado, Doris - Rutgers University - Request to reinstate retirement benefit

OPEN SESSION

Hearing Decision

- G-1 Prickett, Rellie - Woodbine Developmental Center - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-2 Laurie, Jack - NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions
- G-3 McShan, Tiajuana - Woodbine Developmental Center - Initial Decision -The ALJ dismissed the Petitioner's appeal of the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits due to her failure to participate
- G-4 Williams, Veronica - Legislature - Senate - Appellate Division Decision -The court affirmed the Board's denial of Appellant's request to reopen her expired PERS membership account
- G-5 Brunot, Marie - Monmouth County - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-6 Fitts, Terry - Dept. of Corrections - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits
- G-7 Hadley, Roberta - NJ Veterans Memorial Home - Vineland - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-8 Vieira, Dulce - DEP - Site Remediation - Appellate Division Decision -The court affirmed the Board's denial of the Appellant's request to remain in her PERS Tier 1 membership account
- G-9 Toscano, Patricia - Green Brook BOE - Appellate Division Decision -The court affirmed the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- G-10 Lawrence, Gregory - Criminal Justice - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-11 Rivera, Nydia - Jersey City - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-12 Ash, Paul - Juvenile Justice Commission/Community Program - Final Administrative Determination

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Hearing Request

- H-1 O'Brien, Robert - Edison Twp - Appeals the Board's denial of request to reinstate original PERS Tier 2 membership account
- H-2 Smith, Wendell - Northern State Prison - Appeals the Board's denial of Deferred retirement benefits due to dismissal for cause

H-3 Miller, Ava - Bergen County Vocational School - Appeals the Board's decision affirming the Division's calculation of retirement benefit

OPEN SESSION

Active Membership Issues

J-1 Kutzin, Evan - Ramapo College of New Jersey - a) Request for Tier 1 membership status;
b) Request to purchase additional service credit

J-2 Rondon, Nicole - Westfield Town - Request to maintain original PERS Tier 5 membership account

OPEN SESSION

Informational Issues

L-1 Common Pension Fund D as of January 31, 2024

L-2 Appellate Division Decision - Americo Arzola v. PFRS

L-3 Appellate Division Decision - Christine McQuilken v. TPAF

L-4 Wire Transfers - PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900 for January 2024

L-5 Wire Transfers - Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims for January 2024

L-6 Common Pension Fund D as of March 31, 2024

L-7 Appellate Division Decision - Michael Bent v. PFRS

L-8 Wire Transfers - PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900, for the month of March 2024

L-9 Wire Transfers - Non-Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims for the month of March 2024

L-10 Appellate Division Decision - Michael Leonardi v. SPRS

"+" Indicates personal appearance

The next meeting of the Board will be held on June 19, 2024