

# POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM

February 9, 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 15, 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.

(C) When necessary to go into executive session for another reason under the Open Public Meetings Act, such as discussion of investments of public funds, personnel matters, or contract negotiations, the Board shall adopt Resolution C, 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 such matters pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. The minutes of such meeting shall remain confidential until such time as the Board determines that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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<b>OPEN SESSION</b>
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Called to Order: --

Adjourned: --

Roll Call:

Absent:

Also Present:

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**Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2026

Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2026

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**Miscellaneous Issues**

- B-1

Executive Director's Report
- B-2

CIO-CFO Report  
a.) PFRSNJ Bills for February 9, 2026
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Legal Director's Report

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**Retirement and Death Lists**

- C-1

Active and Retired Death List
- C-2

Retirement List

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CLOSED SESSION

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**Ordinary Disability**

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Decision:
D-1	Ortiz, Cloth	East Orange City	04/01/2025		Involuntary

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**CLOSED SESSION**


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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	Hopkins, Mark	Newark City	11/01/2025		9/13/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-2	Quinn, Edward	North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue	01/01/2026		9/13/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-3	Prina, George	North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue	11/01/2025		9/14/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-4+	Fessler, Robert	Lower Township	08/01/2025		9/6/2014 3/6/2019 9/17/2023	1.) Honorable Service 2.) Involuntary Accidental Disability
E-5	Morelli, Robert	Jersey City Fire Department	11/01/2025		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-6	Smeltzer, Matthew	Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women	10/01/2025		4/20/2024	
E-7	Maino Jr., Angelo	Jersey City Fire Department	12/01/2025		9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-8	Palumbo, Mathew	Monroe Township Fire District 3	04/01/2025		9/3/2023	
E-9	Brownlee, Walter	Newark City	02/01/2025		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-10	Kot, Kevin	Jersey City	10/01/2025		9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-11	Paretti, Douglas	Jersey City	08/01/2025		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-12	Henderson, Joseph	Paterson City	09/01/2025		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-13	Prezioso, Frank	Clifton City	01/01/2026		9/13/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-14	Cooper, Richard	Newark City	12/01/2025		9/15/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-15	O'Reilly, Michael	Jersey City Fire Department	02/01/2026		9/13/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-16	Dillon, Michael	Jersey City	08/01/2025		9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-17	Castelluccio, Anthony	Newark City	09/01/2025		9/13/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-18	Lombardi, Steven	Bayonne City	11/01/2024		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-19	Hernick, Stephen	Newark City	11/01/2025		9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-20	Huber, Charles	Wanaque Borough	09/01/2025		9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center

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E-21	Checorski, John	Bayonne City	09/01/2025	9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-22	Cruz, Alejandro	Newark City	02/01/2026	9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-23	Armstrong, Thomas	Bergen County	08/01/2025	12/2/2024	
E-24	Cook, Victor	Jersey City	12/01/2025	9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-25	Maiorano, Giuseppe	Newark City	02/01/2026	9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-26	Ascolese, Joseph	Jersey City	09/01/2025	9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-27	Hughes, James	Paterson City	09/01/2025	9/11/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-28+	D'Agostino, Joseph	Barnegat Township	05/01/2025	11/14/2020	
E-29+	Rispoli, Marc	Bergenfield Borough	05/01/2025	6/28/2022	
E-30	Zamora, Devin	Newark City	11/01/2025	9/12/2001	Chapter 157, World Trade Center
E-31+	Ragati, Andrew	Raritan Borough			Request to File for Accidental Disability

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### Retirement Issues

F-1	- - Honorable Service Grid
F-2	Almanzar, Homero - Union County - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Special Retirement
F-3+	Sykes, Matthew - Avalon Borough - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Service Retirement
F-4	Righter, Kenneth - Stratford Borough - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Deferred Retirement
F-5+	Leffand, Amy - Rutgers University - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Special Retirement
F-6	Currier, Frank - Monmouth County/Hall of Records - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Special Retirement
F-7+	Kowalski, Michael - Correct - Bayside State Prison - 1.) Honorable Service 2.) Service Retirement

F-8 Timmins, Michael - Jersey City - 1.) Honorable Service  
2.) Special Retirement

F-9 Uram, Richard - Garfield City - Creditable Compensation

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**Hearing Decision**

G-1 Shields, Michael - NJ Transit Corporation - Initial Decision The ALJ reversed the Board's decision and granted Accidental Disability retirement benefits

G-2 Tandoc, Sergio - Cinnaminson Township - Appellate Division Decision The Court affirmed the denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits

G-3+ W., J. - Audubon Borough - Appellate Division Decision The Court affirmed the denial of Accidental disability retirement benefits

G-4 F., H. - Passaic County - Appellate Division Decision The Court reversed the Board's decision and granted Accidental Disability retirement benefits

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**Hearing Request**

H-1 Robinson, Janell - Newark City - Appeals the Partial Forfeiture  
1.) Reconsideration of Partial Forfeiture (Beyond Time Limit)  
2.) Hearing Request

H-2 Alicea, Idalia - Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders - Appeals the denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits

H-3 Fleites, Hugo - Perth Amboy City - Appeals the Total Forfeiture of all Pension Benefits  
1.) Reconsideration  
2.) Hearing Request

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**Active Membership Issues**

J-1 - - Purchase Grid - Russell, Brett; Brunges, Mathew; Ruiz, Lilly; Dzurkoc, George

J-2 - - Chapter 54 Academy Purchase Spreadsheet - Willett, Brian; Mirabile, James; Soroka, Erik; Martone, Gregory; Hartnett, Richard; Grello, Niko; Marone, Angelo; Baldwin, Trevor; Levondosky, Mark; Colline, James

J-3 Alaimo, Charles - Manalapan Township - Request to Purchase Service Credit - SLEO

J-4 Francisco, Christopher - Monmouth Beach Borough - Request to Purchase Service Credit - SLEO

J-5 McColligan, Kimberly - Atlantic County - Request to Purchase Service Credit - SLEO

J-6 Ruga, Kevin - Atlantic County - Request to Purchase Service Credit - SLEO

J-7 Sweitzer, Jason - Middle Township - Request to Purchase Service Credit - SLEO

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**Death Claim Issues**

K-1 Thurman , Renia (Deceased) - Bergen County - Request for Surviving Spousal Benefit

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**Informational Issues**

L-1 Trial Balance as of July 31, 2025

L-2 Trial Balance As of August 31, 2025

L-3 Appellate Division Decision Shu Zhang vs. TPAF

**"+" Indicates personal appearance**

**"=" Indicates items not mailed**

**The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 9, 2026**