



Minutes

Retirement Board Meeting

Board Room*, 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, Ohio 43240

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

**Meeting was made available to public through Zoom*

Present: Major Matthew Them, *Chair*; Major (ret.) Darryl Anderson, *Vice-Chair*; Major (ret.) JP Allen; Colonel Charles Jones; Sergeant (ret.) Michael Kasler; Sergeant Derek Malone; Lieutenant Christian Niemeyer; Sergeant Brice Nihiser; Craig Warnimont

Absent: Trooper Cynthia Wilt

Quorum? Yes

Others Present: Carl Roark, *Executive Director*; Michael Press, *General Counsel*; Anthony Bradshaw, *Chief Operations Officer*; Holly Carr, *Executive Assistant*; Renee Young, *Benefits Specialist*; Charmaine Carter, *System Accountant*; Jackie Huntzinger, *Project Manager*; Maggie O'Shea, *Assistant Attorney General*; Cyril Espanol, *with Intelligence (via Zoom)*

Proceedings:

Call to Order

- At 12:09 p.m., Them called the meeting to order, and the roll was called.
- Chair Them led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting, (motion by Niemeyer; second by Malone; motion carried unanimously).**

Administration Committee

- Nihiser gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee.
- Roark reported the Fiduciary Performance Audit.
- Roark presented changes to an existing policy and a new policy recommended by staff.
- **Motion: To approve the Virtual Meetings Policy as presented by staff, (motion by Nihiser; second by Jones; motion carried unanimously.)**
- **Motion: To approve changes to the Interrupted Military Service Credit Purchase Policy and Procedure as presented by staff, (motion by Nihiser; second by Kasler; motion carried unanimously.)**
- Roark presented proposed updates to the HPRS Board Governance Manual.

- **Motion: To approve the HPRS Board Governance Manual as presented by staff, (motion by Nihiser, second by Jones; motion carried unanimously).**
- Roark presented a memo regarding the HPRS office lease renewal.
- **Motion: To authorize the executive director to renew the HPRS office lease with terms in the best interest of HPRS, (motion by Nihiser; second by Malone; motion carried unanimously).**
- **Motion: To go into executive session pursuant to Division (G)(1) of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code to consider the employment of a public employee at 12:19 p.m. with no guests, (motion by Nihiser; second by Kasler; motion carried unanimously).**
- At 12:26 p.m., Them declared the executive session was concluded.

Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee

- Them reported there was no meeting.

Health Care Funding Committee

- Kasler gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee meeting the day before, including the Health Care Fund Report and the HPRS Wellness Program.
- Bradshaw presented the Quarterly Healthcare Fund Report.
- The board spoke at length about the current HPRS Wellness Program and directed staff to continue research and monitor member usage.

Special Committee on COLA

- Nihiser gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee the day before and summarized progress made by the committee.
- Discussion ensued regarding dissolving the committee and the board directed staff to rename the committee and keep it intact.

Audit Committee

- Malone gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee meeting.

Investment Committee

- Anderson gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee meeting.

Travel and Education

- No travel currently.
- Nihiser, Roark, Jones, and Bradshaw gave a report on Sunbird.
- Them departed the meeting at 12:45 p.m.
- Anderson took over the meeting.

Board Self-Evaluation Results

- Roark presented the board self-evaluation survey results.

General Counsel Report

- Nothing to report.

Administrative Report

- Roark presented the summary report of active and retired members, and the retirement beneficiary report.
- **Motion: To approve retirement applications and survivor pensions as submitted by staff, (motion by Anderson; second by Niemeyer; motion carried unanimously).**
- Roark gave a summary on the results of the 2025 Member survey.
- Roark presented the 2024 Disability Experience report.

Comments

- None.

Adjournment

- At 1:18 p.m., Anderson declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for June 20, 2025, at 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, OH 43240.

Minutes submitted by Holly Carr, Executive Assistant

Signature on File

June 20, 2025

Approved by Matthew Them, Chair

Date

To review any referenced documents, please contact Holly Carr, hcarr@ohprs.org.