



Minutes

Retirement Board Meeting

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

Thursday, February 20, 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; Trooper Cynthia Wilt

Absent: none

Quorum? Yes

Others Present: Carl Roark, *Executive Director*; Anthony Bradshaw, *Operations Manager*; Holly Carr, *Executive Assistant*; Renee Young, *Benefits Specialist*; Charmaine Carter, *System Accountant*; Maggie O'Shea, *Assistant Attorney General*; Kevin Baload, *with Intelligence (via Zoom)*

Proceedings:

Call to Order

- At 12:01 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 December 19, 2024 meeting, (motion by Malone; second by Niemeyer; motion carried unanimously).**

Administration Committee

- Nihiser gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee.
- Roark presented the final 2024 budget comparison and noted HPRS operated 4.54% under budget for the year.
- Roark presented OAC 5505-5-06 which was up for five-year review, noting there were no recommended changes.
- **Motion: To approve the no change amendments to Ohio Administrative Code 5505-5-06 as presented by staff, (motion by Nihiser; second by Anderson; motion carried unanimously).**
- Roark presented proposed amendments to OAC 5505-9-08.

- **Motion: To approve the proposed amendments to Ohio Administrative Code 5505-9-08 as presented by staff, (motion by Nihiser; second by Jones; motion carried unanimously).**
- Roark reported the Fiduciary Performance Audit.

2025 HPRS Board of Elections

- Roark presented draft documents for board approval for the 2025 employee and retiree member elections: Notice of Election – Employee, Notice of Election – Retiree, Candidacy Form – Employee, Candidacy Form – Retiree, Employee Voting Instructions, and Retiree Voting Instructions.
- **Motion: To approve the election announcements, candidacy forms, and voting letters for the 2025 employee and retiree elections, as presented by staff, (motion by Them; second by Wilt; motion carried unanimously.)**
- Them appointed himself, Carr, and Detter to the ballot counting committee.

Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee

- Wilt 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.
- Roark presented the Quarterly Healthcare Fund Report.
- Roark presented a memo on the HPRS Wellness Program.
- Discussion ensued.

Special Committee on COLA

- Nihiser gave a brief update on topics discussed at the committee the day before.
- Roark discussed options for providing a COLA.
- Discussion ensued and staff fielded questions from the committee.

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

- Roark presented the following travel cost estimates:
 - Jones to attend the 2025 Snowbird Reunion in Lake Mary, Florida, February 28 – March 1, 2025, at an estimated cost of \$1,670.74.
 - Roark to attend the 2025 NCPERS Chief Officer Summit in New York City, New York, June 16 – 18, 2025, at an estimated cost of \$3,133.70.

- **Motion: To approve board and staff travel as presented, (motion by Them; second by Niemeyer; motion carried unanimously).**
- Anderson and Malone gave an educational value report.

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 Them; second by Malone; motion carried unanimously).**

Comments

- None.

Adjournment

- At 1:23 p.m., Them declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for April 17, 2025, at 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, OH 43240.

Minutes submitted by Holly Carr, Executive Assistant

Signature on File

April 17, 2025

Approved by Matthew Them, Chair

Date

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