

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

February 18, 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.

(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

OPEN SESSION

Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of January 21, 2026

OPEN SESSION

Miscellaneous Issues

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	Kallert, George	Weehawken Twp	07/01/2025	A	
D-2	Puccio, Donna	Monmouth County Division of Social Services	10/01/2025	5	
D-3	Bernard, Michele	Plainfield BOE	05/01/2025	D	
D-4	Wilkins, Rickey	Morris County	06/01/2024	A	
D-5	Scott, Sheila	Hoboken BOE	01/01/2025	5	
D-6	Cason, Valerie	Vineland Developmental Center	01/01/2026	D	
D-7	Monthly OD Grid				

CLOSED SESSION

Accidental Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Accident Date:	Decision:
E-1	Walker-Noel, Roslyn	East Jersey State Prison	11/01/2024	B	1/20/2024	
E-2	Stokes, Adele	Jersey City Public Schools	09/01/2025	5	12/10/2024	
E-3	Malave, Dalila	Howell Twp BOE	07/01/2025	D	2/02/2022 2/16/2023 9/16/2024	
E-4	Small, John	NJ Institute of Technology	09/01/2025	A	8/18/2016 11/12/2024	
E-5	Bresa, Vahide	Northern Valley Regional High School District	07/01/2025	5	4/02/2018	
E-6	Renda, Jason	Middlesex County	11/01/2025	A	5/22/2024	
E-7	Jackson, Nema	Dept. of Veterans Affairs - Vineland	07/01/2025	A	4/26/2021	

OPEN SESSION

Retirement Issues

F-1	Uddin, Syed - Passaic County - Request to amend Option A beneficiary ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVED
F-2	Vesce, Gary - Middlesex County - Appeals the Division's calculation of retirement benefit
F-3	Syx, Donna - Hightstown Borough - Appeals the Division's calculation of retirement benefit
F-4	Torsiello, Mark - Nutley Twp - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVED
F-5	Panfili, Paul - Mercer County - Honorable Service
F-6	Lewis, Sherry - Elizabeth City Housing Authority - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits
F-7	Fredholm, Rick - Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority - Honorable Service
F-8	Franklin, Veronica - Dept of Children and Families - Honorable Service

OPEN SESSION

Hearing Decision

G-1	Pestreich, Christine - Cumberland County Board of Social Services - Initial Decision - The ALJ reversed the Board's denial and recommended Ordinary Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions; Reply to Exceptions
-----	---

- G-2 Jones, Eric - Woodbine Developmental Center - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions
- G-3 Burd, John - Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders - Initial Decision -The ALJ affirmed the Board's partial forfeiture of service and salary credit; Exceptions
- G-4 Laurie, Jack - NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs - Appellate Division Decision -The court vacated the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits and instructed the matter be remanded to the OAL for consideration of the causation standard in accordance with the court's opinion
- G-5 Maggio, Joseph - Brick Twp Municipal Utilities Authority - Final Administrative Determination

OPEN SESSION

Hearing Request

- H-1 Avery, Melissa - Treasury, Division of Taxation - Appeals the Board's denial of Deferred retirement benefits due to dismissal for cause
ADMINISTRATIVELY REMOVED
- H-2 Ellis, Kimberly - NJ Turnpike Authority - Appeals the Board's denial of request to reinstate application for Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-3 Ghali, Michelle - Union County - Appeals the Board's denial of request to transfer "regular" PERS service in former membership account to current PERS-Prosecutors Part membership account
- H-4 Greiss, Thomas - Belleville Twp - Appeals the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits (beyond 45 days)

OPEN SESSION

Active Membership Issues

- J-1 Mazich, James - Request for PERS enrollment

OPEN SESSION

Informational Issues

- L-1 Trial Balance for July 31, 2025
- L-2 Appellate Division Decision - J.W. v. PFRS
- L-3 Appellate Division Decision - Ernest Turner v. TPAF
- L-4 Trial Balance for August 31, 2025

"+" Indicates personal appearance

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