

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

July 16, 2025

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 2025 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 19, 2024.

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.

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Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2025

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Miscellaneous Issues

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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	Santos, Jose	Paterson BOE			Request to apply for Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
D-2	Mears, Mary	Vineland Developmental Center	06/01/2024	5	
D-3	Cleary, Theresa	Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders			Appeals the Division's determination that forms submitted by the member in support of her application for Ordinary Disability retirement benefits are not acceptable
D-4	Monthly OD Grid				

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Accidental Disability

	Member's Name & No.:	Employer:	Effective Date:	Option:	Accident Date:	Decision:
E-1	Mantz, Dolorous	Ocean County	02/01/2024	5	7/20/2022	
E-2	Utuk, Edofpm	Dept. of Children and Families	11/01/2023	5	2/21/2012 8/1/2017	
E-3	Zane, Lucy	Salem County	02/01/2024	5	12/20/2012 7/15/2017 9/24/2018	
E-4	Miller, Kathleen	Middlesex County	06/01/2024	D	2/8/2023	

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Retirement Issues

- F-1 Shah, Kamalkant - State Police Civilian Employees - Honorable Service
- F-2 Jeudy, Hugues - Belleville Twp - Eligibility for Deferred retirement benefits
- F-3 Futerfas, Ric - Mullica Twp - a) Request for a retroactive retirement date; b) Request to change retirement option from Maximum to Option A
- F-4 Hill, Deborah - Office of the Public Defender - Request to change retirement option from Option A to Maximum - Reconsideration
- F-5 Caldwell, Margaret - Franklin Twp (Gloucester County) - Honorable Service
- F-6 Guerrino, Ian - Monmouth County - Honorable Service

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Hearing Decision

- G-1 Cassidy, Cheryle - Atlantic County Special Services - Initial Decision - The ALJ reversed the Board's denial and recommended Accidental Disability retirement benefits; Exceptions; Reply to Exceptions
- G-2 Ward, Vera - Mercer County - Initial Decision - The ALJ affirmed the Board's forfeiture of the Petitioner's final two years of service and salary credit; Respondent's Exceptions
- G-3 Fletcher, Demetrias - Ancora Psychiatric Hospital - Initial Decision - The ALJ concluded that the Petitioner satisfied the delayed manifestation criterion found in N.J.S.A. 43:15A-43 but failed to satisfy the direct causation and undesigned and unexpected criteria, and thus affirmed the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits
- G-4 Berryman, Margarita - Vineland Developmental Center - Initial Decision - The ALJ affirmed the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits

- G-5 Khullar, Sweety - Parsippany Troy Hills BOE - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-6 Roach, Victoria - Wildwood City - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-7 Basek, Robert - Dept. of Community Affairs - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-8 Liverakos, John - Regional Operations Central - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-9 Adams, Rosemary - Vineland Developmental Center - Hearing Withdrawal
- G-10 Patrone, Kenneth - Washington Twp (Gloucester County) - Final Administrative Determination
- G-11 Mowaswes, Imad - Paterson City - Final Administrative Determination

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Hearing Request

- H-1 Horner, Kristy - Judiciary/Salem County - Appeals the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-2 Scott, Diana - Lisbon Developmental Center - Appeals the Board's denial of Ordinary Disability retirement benefits
- H-3 DeGroat, Frank - Ridgewood Village - Appeals the Board's denial of Accidental Disability retirement benefits (beyond 45 days)

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Active Membership Issues

- J-1 Green, Theodore - Irvington Twp - Request for PERS enrollment

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Informational Issues

- L-1 Common Pension Fund E as of April 30, 2025
- L-2 Common Pension Fund E as of May 31, 2025
- L-3 Trial Balance for October 31, 2024
- L-4 Wire Transfers - Non Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800 Benefit Claims for May 2025
- L-5 Wire Transfers - PERS Contributory Group Insurance Policy #14800, formerly #13900, for May 2025

- L-6 Appellate Division Decision - Jeffrey Almeida v. SPRS
- L-7 Appellate Division Decision - Mark Reed v. SPRS
- L-8 Appellate Division Decision - Misty Elgersma v PFRS

"+" Indicates personal appearance

The next meeting of the Board will be held on August 20, 2025