

Minutes of the

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The monthly meeting of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement Board was held in the offices of the Board, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System building, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio at 9:05 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Members present: Mr. Jay Hottinger; Mr. James Kunk; Ms. Kathleen Madden; Mr. Scott Richter; Mr. Russell Smith; Mr. Stewart Smith; Mr. Tim Steitz; Mr. Steve Toth; and Mr. Chris Mabe.

Members absent: Ms. Julie Albers and Mr. Ken Thomas.

Also present: Ms. Tonya Brown, Deputy Executive Director; Ms. Karen Carraher, Executive Director; Mr. Allen Foster, Deputy Executive Director; Mr. Gordon Gatien, Director Government Relations; Mr. Paul Greff, Director, Investments; Ms. Lauren Gresh, Deputy Executive Director; Mr. Eric Harrell, General Counsel; Mr. Stephen Kell, Director Information Technology; Ms. Jenny Starr, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Caroline Stinziano, Director Internal Audit; and Ms. Ciji Wilhelm, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Stewart Smith moved, Mr. Richter seconded, to excuse the absence of Ms. Albers and Mr. Thomas.

The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Hottinger moved, Mr. Kunk seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 15, 2025, and the disability report (see Appendix to the Minutes for report).

Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Hottinger, aye; Mr. Kunk, aye; Ms. Madden, aye; Mr. Richter, aye; Mr. Russell Smith, aye; Mr. Stewart Smith, aye; Mr. Steitz, aye; Mr. Toth, aye; Mr. Mabe, aye.

The motion passed with all ayes.

Ms. Starr and Mr. Harrell presented the candidates to be certified for the 2025 Board election. The candidates are:

County

Julie Albers
T. J. Assion
Alan Harold

Miscellaneous

Stewart Smith (unopposed)

Retiree

Timothy Steitz (unopposed)

As Mr. Smith and Mr. Steitz are unopposed for the Miscellaneous and Retiree seats, according to Ohio Revised Code Section 145.052, they will be deemed to take office for that seat as if they were elected. Mr. Smith and Mr. Steitz will begin a new Board term in January 2026.

Mr. Hottinger moved, Mr. Kunk seconded, to certify the candidates listed above for the 2025 Board election and biographical statements for use in the 2025 Board election for County, Miscellaneous and Retiree Board seats, and to instruct staff to place such information on the ballot material.

Roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Hottinger, aye; Mr. Kunk, aye; Ms. Madden, aye; Mr. Richter, aye; Mr. Russell Smith, aye; Mr. Stewart Smith, aye; Mr. Steitz, aye; Mr. Toth, aye; Mr. Mabe, aye.

The motion passed with all ayes.

Mr. Toth moved, Mr. Richter seconded, the meeting be adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.