

**Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System
Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting
May 15, 2024**

The Legislative Committee of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System held a meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the system's office at 7722 Office Park Boulevard in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Major Raymond Burkart, Jr. (Chair) at 9:23 am.

B. Roll Call

Members Present

Major Raymond Burkart, Jr, Chairman
Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, MPERS Board member
Lt. (Retired) Chad King
Major (Retired) Kelly Gibson (virtual)

Members Absent

Mayor Greg Cromer

Others Present

Mr. Benjamin Huxen II, MPERS Executive Director and General Counsel
Ms. Taylor Camp, MPERS, Chief Financial Officer (virtual)
Ms. Emily Thurston, Accountant
Ms. Melissa Frazier, MPERS, Benefits Administrator
Ms. Ashlee McNeely, Executive Management Officer (virtual)
Ms. Christie Ziadeh, (virtual)
Mr. David Barnes, NEPC, Investment Consultant (virtual)
Ms. Sheri Morris - Daigle, Fisse, & Kessenich
Mr. Greg Curran - Curran Actuarial Consulting, Actuary
Lt. Tyrone Warren, MPERS Board member
Chief Christopher Wilrye, MPERS Board member
Chief Beth Westlake, MPERS Board member
Mr. Julius Roberson, State Treasurer Designee
Ms. Brook LeBoeuf (virtual)
Ms. Laura Gail Sullivan, Attorney (virtual)
Mr. Joey David, Louisiana House of Representatives (virtual)

C. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of the April 3, 2024 and April 25, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lt. (Retired) Chad King, seconded by Major Raymond Burkart, Jr, to approve the minutes of the meetings held April 3, 2024 and April 25, 2024. After a roll call vote with no vote from Major (Retired) Kelly Gibson, without objection the motion carried.

E. New Business

1. Update on Legislation for the 2024 Regular Session

Mr. Huxen updated the committee on the Senate Finance meeting earlier in the week on Monday. He stated that House Bill 963 and House Bill 15 are both return-to-work. Mr. Huxen noted that House Bill 15 had some other things that we wanted in there that used to be in House Bill 36. He stated that those made it out of Senate Finance.

Mr. Huxen stated that the Senate Retirement meeting was held that same afternoon and all the amendments that they wanted in House Bill 43 were in there. Mr. Huxen said that after the meeting there were some discussions about the fact that Back-DROP would have a cost, even though it wouldn't be implemented until the oldest UAL was paid off. Mr. Huxen stated they decided to just hold off on that one.

Mr. Huxen said that the amendments that they asked for in House Bill 42 were added last night, and the Senate passed it. He stated it will now go back to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Huxen noted that they had not spoken about the Constitutional Convention Bill, but stated it was moving to the Senate. He stated it would protect the retirement and police supplemental pay from change. Mr. Huxen said it could still affect the ability to do the mandamus.

Mr. Huxen stated lastly that there was a letter from Ice Miller in BoardPaq that will be updated to remove the mention of the Governmental Claims Act.

Major Burkart asked about the bill.

Mr. Huxen answered by stating that Mr. Seabaugh carried the bill and agreed to the amendments.

2. Other Legislation

Mr. Huxen let the committee know the bill tracking report from Legiscon is available.

F. Other Business

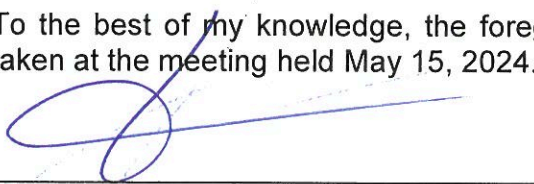
There was no other business brought before the committee.

G. Adjourn


Motion by Lt. (Retired) Chad King, seconded by Major (Retired) Kelly Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. Without objection, the motion carried.

The next meeting date is August 21, 2024.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes accurately represent the actions taken at the meeting held May 15, 2024.



Major Raymond Burkart, Jr.
Legislative Committee Chairman



Ben Huxen,
Executive Director and General Counsel