

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 1, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System held a meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at the system's office at 7722 Office Park Boulevard in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Lt. (Retired) Chad King.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief David Addison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Members Present

Chief David Addison
Major Raymond Burkart, Jr.
Mr. Craig Cassagne, Commissioner of Administration's Designee
Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco
Lt. (Retired) Chad King, Chairman
Mr. Julius Roberson, State Treasurer's Designee
Mayor Jonathan Taylor
Lt. Tyrone Warren
Chief (Retired) Beth Westlake
Chief Christopher Wilrye

Members Absent

Chief Edwin Bergeron, Jr.
Mayor Lee Dragna
Major (Retired) Kelly Gibson
Senator Bob Hensgens

Others Present

Mr. Benjamin Huxen II, MPERS Executive Director and General Counsel
Ms. Taylor Camp, MPERS, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Melissa Frazier, MPERS, Benefits Analyst
Ms. Emily Thurston, MPERS, System Analyst
Mr. David Barnes, NEPC
Mr. Gregory Curran, Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd., Actuary
Ms. Laura Gail Sullivan, Attorney
Ms. Sheri Morris, Daigle, Fisse, & Kessenich, Attorney
Mr. Tyler Brannan, Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd., Assistant Actuary
Mr. Kevin Balaod, With Intelligence (remote)
Mr. Nate Weinstein, Osmosis (remote)

Ms. Sarah Daniel, MPERS, Accounts Analyst (remote)
Ms. Emily Moran, NEPC (remote)
Ms. Erin Estilette, Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd. (remote)

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of the February 25, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Chief Christopher Wilrye, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2026. Without objection, the motion passed.

VI. Reports of Committees

A. Report of the Investment Committee and Consideration Thereof (Action Item)

B. Report of the Legislative Committee and Consideration Thereof (Action Item)

Mr. Huxen suggested that the Board take the two together and approve the reports from the two committee meetings.

Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Mayor Jonathan Taylor, to accept both committee reports. Mr. Julius Roberson indicated he was a “yes” for the Investment Committee report and wished to abstain from the motion on the Legislative Committee report. Without objection, the motion carried.

VII. New Business

A. Actuarial Comments

1. Discussion and Action Regarding FY 2027 Contract for Actuarial and Administrative Services with Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd. (Action Item)

Mr. Curran stated there were no changes to the contract language but there would be a slight increase in both contracts if approved. He stated the proposed actuarial contract included an increase in the monthly retainer to \$9,660.00 and in the administrative retainer to \$2,460.00 per month. Mr. Curran noted that the requested retainers were less than the amount calculated based on what they had seen recently. Mr. Huxen stated that he felt the increase was justified.

Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Chief (Retired) Beth Westlake to approve the proposed contracts for actuarial and administrative services with Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd. for FY27. Without objection, the motion carried.

2. Approval of Assumptions for Actuarial Equivalence Effective July 1, 2026 (Action Item)

Mr. Curran stated that the Board had already approved an experience study that described the setting of these assumptions. He stated that the chart related to the actuarial equivalence assumptions provided notice to everyone of the assumptions that MPERS will use in making actuarial equivalence calculations. This would help in cases of potential lawsuits from municipalities who may argue improper assumptions. If approved, MPERS would be providing notice of the assumptions ahead of making these calculations. Mr. Curran noted that it is a best practice nationally to set your assumptions before utilizing them. The chart contained mortality and interest assumptions for calculations effective beginning July 1, 2026.

Motion by Chief (Retired) Beth Westlake, seconded by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco to approve the actuarial equivalence assumptions effective July 1, 2026. Without objection, the motion carried.

In addition to these two agenda items under Actuarial Comments, a partial dissolution report for FY25 was presented by Mr. Curran.

Mr. Curran briefly explained the process of certification once a year under the law related to partial dissolution. Mr. Brannan and Mr. Curran prepared an analysis from their database and prepared a letter that described to MPERS' staff the cities that are affected and who have met the definition of partial dissolution under current law. If there is a change in statute, that would cause them to go back to redo this.

Mr. Curran stated that fifteen employers met the definition of partial dissolution - the Towns of Basile, Cullen, Delhi, Fordoche, Homer, Livingston, Maringouin, Merryville, Montpelier, Ringgold, Vivian, and Wisner, along with the Villages of Grayson, Mangham, and Turkey Creek. He described the conditions for each employer meeting the definition and stated that all these employers would have until this June to return to the membership level of June 30, 2024, to avoid costs. For those whose membership levels did not increase sufficiently, required payments would begin July 1, 2027, under this particular certification. Mr. Curran reviewed data for employers that have met previous levels in the past and those that have not.

Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Chief Christopher Wilrye to approve the partial dissolution report for FY25. Without objection, the motion carried.

B. Executive Director & General Counsel Comments

1. Update on Delinquent Municipalities/Employers and Certifications to Treasurer (Action Items)

C. Legal Strategy Regarding Noncompliant Employers (Action Item)

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Settlement Agreements, Current Litigation, and Prospective Litigation, Including but Not Limited to the Following Matters:

- 1. MPERS vs. Kelvin McCoy, In His Official Capacity as Mayor for the Town of Boyce, et al., 19th JDC, Number 753207, Section 32**
- 2. MPERS vs. Town of Cheneyville, et al., 19th JDC, Number 730043, Section 22**
- 3. Town of Cheneyville, Town of Springfield, Town of Lecompte, Town of Elton, and Town of Grand Coteau v. MPERS, 19th JDC, Number 765982, Section 22**
- 4. MPERS vs. Town of Cullen, et al., 19th JDC, Number 764860, Section 22**
- 5. Town of Dubach v. MPERS, et al., 19th JDC, Number 768178, Section 34**
- 6. MPERS v. Town of Dubach, et al., 19th JDC, Number 768258, Section 34**
- 7. MPERS vs. Town of Elton, et al., 19th JDC, Number 729135, Section 31**
- 8. MPERS vs. Town of Erath, et al., 19th JDC, Number 766251, Section 25**
- 9. MPERS vs. Town of Glenmora, et al., 19th JDC, Number 731063, Section 31**
- 10. MPERS vs. City of Grambling, et al., 19th JDC, Number 749512, Section 26**

Ms. Morris gave a brief history of the settlement discussions and actions with the City of Grambling. Once the settlement agreement form was sent to them, they scratched out portions they did not like, one of which was that MPERS could certify the delinquency to the Treasury to collect money and another which had to do with future noncompliance. Ms. Morris stated that she did not advocate that MPERS delete these provisions but given their situation she does not feel it is much of a risk to delete these from the agreement with Grambling. She gave the status on the current litigation and stated that if the settlement agreement was agreed upon with these changes, it could avoid further litigation costs. She also stated that Grambling has been paying on the employees they actually have for over a year, they are set up in the system, they have been trained and have closed any gaps that staff identified by making those employees whole. Ms. Morris said it appears that their records are complete and in good order.

Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Chief Christopher Wilrye to approve the settlement with Grambling with revised language and including language indicating those revisions are a unique exception and do not set a precedent. Without objection, the motion carried.

11. **MPERS vs. Town of Grand Coteau, et al., 19th JDC, Number 734857, Section 32**
12. **MPERS vs. Town of Greensburg, et al., 19th JDC, Number 729284, Section 26**
13. **MPERS vs. Town of Henderson, et al., 19th JDC, Number 741228, Section 21**
14. **MPERS vs. Loria Hollins, in Her Official Capacity as Mayor for the Town of Jonesville, et al., 19th JDC, Number 753206, Section 21**
15. **MPERS vs. Town of Lecompte, et al., 19th JDC, Number 741267, Section 23**
16. **MPERS vs. City of Marksville, et al., 19th JDC, Number 753210, Section 21**
17. **Pearl River Lawsuits (Action Items)**
 - a) **Michael Alquist, Peter Hermann, Guy Butterworth, Cameron Hillhouse, Police Chief Jack Sessions, Jayson Germany, and Courtney Badon vs. Town of Pearl River, et al., 19th JDC, Number 756906, Section 26**
 - b) **Michael Alquist, Peter Hermann, Guy Butterworth, Cameron Hillhouse, Police Chief Jack Sessions, Jayson Germany, and Courtney Badon vs. Town of Pearl River, et al., 22nd JDC, Number 2025-10102, Div. "C"**
 - c) **MPERS vs. Town of Pearl River, et al., 19th JDC, Number 771486, Section 27**

Ms. Morris gave an update on Pearl River and stated they filed a venue exception in court that morning. Ms. Morris said that at the time they were communicating with the representatives of Pearl River, they did not know that several of the current employees had sued Pearl River in St. Tammany Parish. That suit is still ongoing, but MPERS went ahead and filed suit in the 19th JDC because the other suit did not encompass the current issues. The attorney for the employees has requested that MPERS consider going to mediation and solving the issues as some employees were allegedly coerced to file affidavits that they did not understand. Ms. Morris recommended that MPERS agree to the mediation as this case has some unique issues.

Motion by Major Raymond Burkart, Jr., seconded by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco to set up mediation with Pearl River and employees. Without objection, the motion carried.

18. **Village of Sicily Island – Dispute Regarding Former Employee’s Service Credit**
19. **Town of Sterlington – Breach Settlement Agreement and Possible Litigation**

20. MPERS vs. Village of Turkey Creek, 19th JDC, Number 768383, Section 34

21. MPERS vs. Village of Varnado, et al., 19th JDC, Number 739462, Section 24

E. City of New Orleans Lawsuits (Action Items)

- 1. City of New Orleans v. MPERS, et al., 19th JDC, Number 724562, Section 24 and City of New Orleans v. MPERS, et al., 19th JDC, Number 767063, Section 26 Subject Matter: Leave Conversion Issues**
- 2. City of New Orleans vs. MPERS, 19th JDC, Number 732243, Section 24 Subject Matter: Earnable Compensation**
- 3. City of New Orleans vs. MPERS, 19th JDC, Number 751911, Section 25 Subject Matter: Partial Dissolution**

Ms. Morris gave an update on the New Orleans suits. They were supposed to go to trial tomorrow on the leave conversion case, but the Treasurer has requested a continuance. The trial date has now been set for May 14, 2026. MPERS did oppose this continuance. She stated that the principal, interest, and penalties keep increasing so the amount in the registry of the court will not cover what is owed. There have also been additional officers that have retired, which adds to the amount owed. The incentive pay case is set for April 15, 2026, and the partial dissolution case is set for May 7, 2026.

F. Executive Session (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) and (10)) to Discuss Legal Strategy, Settlement Negotiations, and Privileged Attorney-Client Communications Regarding Items VII.D through VII.E

VIII. Other Business

The non-chief district on the seat term held by Lt. Tyrone Warren is expiring on June 30, 2026. Lt. Tyrone Warren has six nominations. The election would open on May 18, 2026, and close on May 31, 2026.

IX. Adjourn


Motion by Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco, seconded by Chief (Retired) Beth Westlake, to adjourn at 12:46 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried.

Next Meeting Date is May 13, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes accurately represent the actions taken at the meeting held on April 1, 2026.



Lt. (Retired) Chad King, Chairman



Ben Huxen
Executive Director and General Counsel