

**WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 25, 2023  
10:00 am**

**28 WEST ADAMS, 18<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
GRAND PARK CENTRE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

**Commissioners Present:**

Henry Wilson, Chair  
Frank Simone, Vice-Chair  
Cassandra McDonald  
Elizabeth Misuraca  
Ron Yee

ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

Alisha Bell, Chair,  
Wayne County Commission

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

**Absent:**  
Tom Yee

Assad Turfe,  
Office of the Wayne County Executive

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

**Others Present:**

Robert Grden, Gerard Grysko, Matthew Haugh, Taylor Kosikowski, Bruce Campbell, Linda Pente, Robert Abb, Kevin Vandenhoute, Mark Mueller, Gavin Schmidtman, Kathleen Colin.



1. Call to Order at 10:05 am.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Henry Wilson, Chair; Frank Simone, Vice-Chair; Cassandra McDonald; Elizabeth Misuraca; Ron Yee; Alisha Bell.

Absent: Tom Yee; Assad Turfe

3a. Approval of minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2023.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Waive the reading of the minutes and Approve the minutes of August 28, 2023.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

3b. Applications for retirement.

Ms. Misuraca moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the applications for retirement.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

APPLICATIONS		
Name	Dept.	Retirement Date
Thomas Richard	WCS	10/01/2023
Margaret M. Reid-Deferred	HHVS	10/01/2023
Elaine Heathington-Deferred	DPS	10/01/2023
Peggy Hennigan	HHVS	10/01/2023
Castro Jimenez	DPS	10/01/2023

DISABILITY APPLICATIONS		
Name	Dept.	Application Date
Sonia Monier	HHVS	09/14/2023

3c. Removals from pension payroll because of death.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, that the listed retirees be Removed from the pension payroll because of their deaths on the indicated dates, and further

RESOLVED, that any monies due to the deceased be paid to the named beneficiaries, subject to the receipt of a death certificate in each case.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

DEATHS	
Name	
Carolyn Sims	Carl Lyons
Helen Fullerton	Dennis Weber
Matilda Frances Sanders	Yoeh Ming Ting Tee
James Clark	Betty Ruud
Christine Walker	Martha Ertman
Norma Solo	Barbara Lesiak
James Glass	
Gerald Tabron	

3d. Retirement Allowances.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the final retirement allowances.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW RETIREES			
Name	Dept.	Name	Dept.
Daniel Gaciach	DOE/Veolia	Peggy Hennigan	HHVS
Randall Larson	WCAA	Brian Regan	WCS
John Fuller	WCS	Abubakarr Alghali	HHVS
Thomas Richard	WCS		
Jacquelyn Sanders	WCAA		
Margaret Reid	Deferred-DHVCW		
Elaine Heathington	Deferred-DPS		

3e. Adjustment of pensions for retirees because of additional earnings, annual leave payments, overpayments, etc.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the adjustment of pensions for retirees because of additional earnings, annual leave payments, overpayments, etc.



The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

## UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA (NEW RETIREES)

Name	Effective Date
(None)	

## ADJUSTMENTS

Name	Adjustment Date
Angelina Parson	09/01/2023
Imad Yousif	09/01/2023
Christopher Degasperis	09/01/2023
Henry Porter, Jr.	09/01/2023
David Tucker	09/01/2023
Jonathan Adams	09/01/2023
George Hovis	09/01/2023
Eric Anderson	09/01/2023
Ancell Noel	09/01/2023
Dena Escoe	09/01/2023
Lamar Phillips	10/01/2023
Ronald Kerr	10/01/2023
Jerome Rossi	10/01/2023
Rochelle Downs	10/01/2023
Jacqueline Thompson	10/01/2023
Brenda Holmes	10/01/2023
Robert Belch	11/01/2023
Gerald Tate	11/01/2023

## ADJUSTMENTS TO CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY

Name	Adjustment Date
(None)	

- 3f. Re-calculations and/or Pop-ups due to death of spouse, and attainment of age 60 under Disability Retirement as well as additional contributions.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the Re-calculations and/or Pop-ups due to death of spouse, and attainment of age 60 under Disability Retirement as well as additional contributions.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

## RE-CALCULATIONS

Name	Conversion Date
(None)	

POP-UPS	
Name	Pop-Up Date
(None)	

- 3g. May stipends of \$130,726.13 for pre-Medicare eligible members pursuant to Wayne County Ordinance 2015-610.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the May stipends of \$130,726.13 for pre-Medicare eligible members pursuant to Wayne County Ordinance 2015-610.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

- 3h. Correspondence.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the correspondence.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

4. Recommendation from Dr. Chad Stennett, Medical Director and Corporation Counsel regarding the disability retirement of the following members:

Duty Disability

Kyle Stephen

Ms. Misuraca made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, M.C.L. 15.268(1)(h) which permits a Public Body to discuss matters in closed session that are exempt by other statutes. Information that is subject to the Physician-Patient Privilege is not subject to disclosure, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. M.C.L. 15.243(1)(h). This is not subject to disclosure under The Freedom of Information Act, M.C.L. 15.231 *et seq.* The agenda item to be discussed is #4 and #5; and further





Pursuant to the provision of the Michigan Open Meeting Act, M.C.L. 15.267(2), which permits a Public Body to discuss closed session minutes that are not available to the public, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. This is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, M.C.L. 15.231 *et seq.* The agenda item to be discussed is #6; and further

Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, M.C.L. 15.268(1)(h) which permits a Public Body to discuss matters in closed session that are exempt by other statutes. Information subject to Attorney-Client Privilege is not subject to disclosure, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. M.C.L. 15.243(1)(g). This is not subject to disclosure under The Freedom of Information Act, M.C.L. 15.231 *et seq.* The agenda item to be discussed is #7.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote, Henry Wilson – yes, Frank Simone - yes, Cassandra McDonald – yes, Elizabeth Misuraca – yes, Ron Yee – yes, Alisha Bell -yes.

The Retirement Commission went into closed session at 10:06 am.

The Retirement Commission returned to open session at 10:15 am with the following Commissioners present: Henry Wilson, Frank Simone, Cassandra McDonald, Elizabeth Misuraca, Ron Yee, Alisha Bell.

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the legal report by Corporation Counsel regarding disability retirement(s); and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the Medical Director's report; and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the recommendation(s) from the Medical Director and Corporation Counsel report; and further

RESOLVED, to Approve the duty disability retirement and that further exam(s) with future exams to be determined by the Retirement Commission:

Duty Disability

Kyle Stephen

The motion was supported by Ms. Misuraca and carried unanimously 6-0.

5. Recommendation from Dr. Chad Stennett, Medical Director and Corporation Counsel regarding the re-examinations(s) for disability retiree member(s):

Thomas Noeyack

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the legal report by Corporation Counsel regarding disability retirement(s); and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the Medical Director's report; and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the recommendation(s) from the Medical Director and Corporation Counsel; and further

RESOLVED, to Continue on disability retirement and that further exam(s) if required will be determined by the Retirement Commission for:

Thomas Noeyack

The motion was supported by Ms. Misuraca and carried unanimously 6-0.

6. Consideration of meeting minutes for the closed session(s) of August 28, 2023.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Waive the reading of the minutes and Approve the closed session August 28, 2023.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

7. Consideration of the August flash report on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the August flash report on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

The motion was supported by Ms. Misuraca and carried unanimously 6-0.

8. Consideration of a status update on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the status update on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

The motion was supported Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

9. Consideration of a verbal report from Committee Chair, Frank Simone regarding the Audit Committee meeting of September 25, 2023.

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the verbal report from Committee Chair, Frank Simone regarding the Audit Committee meeting of September 25, 2023.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

10. Consideration of a recommendation by the Audit Committee regarding the 2023 Retiree Signature and Information Verification Project.

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee regarding the 2023 Retiree Signature and Information Verification Project.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

11. Consideration of a report from Executive Director, Robert Grden regarding a 10-year historical review of the Defined Benefit Plan for fiscal year ending 2022.

Ms. Misuraca moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Receive and File a 10-year historical review of the Defined Benefit Plan for fiscal year ending 2022.

The motion was supported by Mr. Simone and carried unanimously 6-0.

13. Public Comment.

Kathleen Colin addressed the Retirement Commission.

12. Consideration of a confidential legal report from VanOverbeke, Michaud & Timmony, P.C.

Mr. Simone made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, M.C.L. 15.268(1)(h) which permits a Public Body to discuss matters in closed session that are exempt by other statutes. Information subject to Attorney-Client Privilege is not subject to disclosure, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. M.C.L. 15.243(1)(g). This is not subject to disclosure under The Freedom of Information Act, M.C.L. 15.231 *et seq.* The agenda item to be discussed is #12.



The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote, Henry Wilson – yes, Frank Simone - yes, Cassandra McDonald – yes, Elizabeth Misuraca – yes, Ron Yee – yes, Alisha Bell -yes.

The Retirement Commission went into closed session at 11:12 am.

The Retirement Commission returned to open session at 12:02 pm with the following Commissioners present: Henry Wilson, Frank Simone, Cassandra McDonald, Elizabeth Misuraca, Ron Yee, Alisha Bell.

Mr. Simone moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the confidential legal report from VanOverbeke, Michaud & Timmony, P.C.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

14. Reconsiderations.

There were no reconsiderations.

15. Such other Matters.

None

16. Adjournment.

Mr. Simone moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Grden, Executive Director  
Wayne County Employees' Retirement System