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The regular meeting of the Municipal Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on July 16, 2026. The meeting was held electronically via Teams. The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m., and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Jeff Tomchik, Vice Chairman
- Jeff Arn, Trustee
- Michelle Boyles, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- Mike Freda, Trustee
- David Glidden, Trustee
- Karen McDonough, Trustee
- Kurt Miller, Trustee
- Troy Raccuia, Trustee
- Steve Stephanou, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Ex Officio Member

Also present were:

- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- Donald Wilkerson, Assistant Director, Retirement Services
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division
- Briana Nelson, Retirement Services Division
- Megan Piwonski, Retirement Services Division
- Yamuna Menon, General Counsel to the State Comptroller

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.; Megan Piwonski identified those in attendance.

At 1:06 p.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 1:06 p.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Steve Stephanou, to accept the consent agenda including invoices from June 2026 and meeting minutes from May 2026 and June 2026. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 1:08 p.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to approve the regular and retroactive retirements for June 2026. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 1:09 p.m.; the Chair invited Danny White from GRS to present.

At 1:31 p.m.; Danny White completed his presentation.

At 1:32 p.m.; the Chair invited Retirement Services Division Director John Herrington to present the Director's Report to the Trustees.

At 1:35 p.m.; John Herrington completed his Director's Report.

Executive Session

At 1:36 p.m.; Steve Stephanou moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of Agenda Item 6(a). All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 1:38 p.m.; Steve Stephanou moved, seconded by Kurt Miller, to amend going into the executive session for the purposes of Agenda Item 6(a) to include the members of the Retirement Services Division who might be providing legal advice or who might have information that is relevant to the matters to be discussed. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 2:36 p.m.; the Trustees exited executive session and resumed the regular meeting.

Public Session

At 2:37 p.m.; Russell Zimberlin was invited to present on the three members being discussed in Agenda Item 6(a).

At 2:49 p.m.; Russell Zimberlin completed his presentation.

Executive Session

At 2:50 p.m.; Steve Stephanou moved, seconded by Kurt Miller, to suspend the regular meeting and go back into executive session for the purposes of Agenda Item 6(a). All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 3:08 p.m.; the Trustees exited executive session and resumed the regular meeting.

Public Session

At 3:09 p.m.; Michelle Boyles moved, seconded by Steve Stephanou, to accept the recommendation of the subcommittee regarding Mr. Soules. All voted in favor, with one abstention. Unanimous decision.

At 3:10 p.m.; Michelle Boyles moved, seconded by Steve Stephanou, to accept the recommendation of the subcommittee regarding Ms. Cicarella. All voted in favor, with two abstentions. Unanimous decision.

At 3:11 p.m.; Michelle Boyles moved, seconded by Steve Stephanou, to accept the recommendation of the subcommittee regarding Ms. Cuppett. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 3:11 p.m.; the Chair opened discussion for old business to discuss the Durham Middlefield Transfer Station Application.

At 3:13 p.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Jeff Arn, to allow the Durham Middlefield Transfer Station to join in under MERS 1.0. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 3:14 p.m.; hearing no further discussion, the Chair closed the old business discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: As there was no further business to be addressed, at 3:14 p.m. Jeff Arn moved, seconded by Carl Chisem to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Brian Vahey, Chairman

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Prepared by John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division