

**MINUTES OF  
JOINT DISABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS COMMITTEES OF KENTUCKY  
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEETING  
February 27, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. E.T.  
Via Video Teleconference  
1260 Louisville Road  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

The meeting of the Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees, held on February 27, 2025, was called to order by Mr. Peercy at 9:30 a.m. E.T. The following members were present via live video teleconference: Keith Peercy, Chair, Betty Pendergrass, and Dr. Crystal Miller.

In addition, those present from KPPA were Victoria Hale, JJ Alleman, Andrea Freadreacea, Ashley McIntosh, Crystal Smith-Harrod, KPPA Recording Secretary, Mary Hill, Jillian Hall, Liza Welch, Erin Surratt, and Phillip Cook. Ed Owens, CEO of CERS was also present.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2024, Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees Meeting.

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Mr. Peercy noted the necessity of closed session for the purpose of reviewing the disability applications and administrative appeals of Administrative Action Numbers:

22-D-18, 22-D-27, 22-T-82, 20-PS-02, 20-PS-10, 21-PS-08, 22-T-112, 22-A-07, and 22-A-09.

It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously to enter closed session.

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Following discussion in closed session, the Committees returned to open session, whereafter the following transpired.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-D-18, to reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and Deny Claimant's application for disability retirement benefits.

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It was moved by Dr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pendergrass, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-D-27, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Deny Claimant's application for non-hazardous disability

retirement benefits as modified in the Board Final Order.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-T-82, to Remand this case to the Hearing Officer with instructions as set forth in the Board's Remand Order.

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It was moved by Dr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pendergrass, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 20-PS-02, to Remand this case to the Hearing Officer with instructions as set forth in the Board's Remand Order.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 20-PS-10, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Dismiss the appeal With Prejudice.

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It was moved by Dr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pendergrass, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-PS-08, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Dismiss the appeal With Prejudice.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-T-112, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Dismiss the appeal With Prejudice.

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It was moved by Dr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pendergrass, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-A-07, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Dismiss the appeal With Prejudice as modified in the Board Final Order.

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It was moved by Ms. Pendergrass, seconded by Dr. Miller, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Administrative Record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-A-09, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Dismiss the appeal.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m., E.T. to meet on April 24, 2025, at 9:30 A.M., E.T.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Crystal Smith-Harrod, do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above action of the Committees on the various items considered by them at this meeting.

*Crystal Smith-Harrod* *4/25/25*  
Crystal Smith-Harrod Date  
Recording Secretary

I, Keith Percy, do certify that the Minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2025, were approved by the Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System and the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems on April 24, 2025.

*Keith Percy* *04/24/2025*  
Keith Percy, Chair Date  
Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees

I, Victoria Hale, was present at the February 27, 2025, Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees meeting and have reviewed the minutes for form and legality.

*Victoria A. Hale* *04/24/2025*  
Victoria Hale Date  
General Counsel