

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M. ET
VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the special called meeting of the County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees held on January 26, 2022 the following members were present: Betty Pendergrass (Chair), Dr. Patricia Carver, George Cheatham, JT Fulkerson, Dr. Merl Hackbart, Dr. Martin Milkman, William O'Mara, and Jerry Powell. The following members of the Kentucky Retirement Systems were present: Bruce Brown, John Cheshire, Joseph Grossman, Lynn Hampton, Prewitt Lane, and Pamela Thompson. Staff members present was CERS CEO Ed Owens, III, David Eager, Rebecca Adkins, Erin Surratt, Michael Board, Steven Herbert, Vicki Hale, Ashley Gabbard, Shaun Case, Phillip Cook, and Sherry Rankin. Others present included Joseph Bowman and Eric Branco with Johnson Bowman and Branco.

Ms. Pendergrass called the meeting to order and read the Legal Opening Statement.

Ms. Rankin took Roll Call. There was no public comment received.

Ms. Pendergrass introduced agenda item *Open Meeting/Open Records Training*. Joseph Bowman and Eric Branco with Johnson Bowman and Branco presented a Trustee Education Session on Open Records and the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to their various roles as Trustees.

After the education session ended, all of the Kentucky Retirement System Trustees left the meeting in order that the County Employees Retirement Systems Trustee could continue with the remainder of the agenda.

Ms. Pendergrass introduced agenda item *Closed Session*. Mr. Milkman made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Powell to go into closed session for the purpose of litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pendergrass read the following closed session statement, "A motion having been made in open session to move into a closed session for a specific purpose, and such motion having carried by

majority vote in open, public session, the Board shall now enter close session to consider litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), because of the necessity of protecting the confidentiality of the Systems' litigation strategy and preserving any available attorney-client privilege".

Mr. Fulkerson, Mr. Eager, and Ms. Hale left the meeting prior to the beginning of the Closed Session due to conflicts of interest.

After the Board returned from Closed Session, Ms. Pendergrass stated that there was no action taken on the discussions from closed session.

Mr. Powell made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Milkman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees held January 26, 2022 except documents provided during a closed session conducted pursuant to the open meetings act and exempt under the open records act.

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CERTIFICATION

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Trustees on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.


Recording Secretary

I, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on January 26, 2022 were approved on March 16, 2022.


Chair of the Board of Trustees

I have reviewed the Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting for content, form, and legality.


Executive Director
Office of Legal Services