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MINUTES

Claims Hearing Committee

July 30, 2025

A meeting of the Claims Hearing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois was held on July 30, 2025, at the TRS Headquarters, 2815 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois. Trustee Maureen Mena (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Roll call attendance was taken with the following committee members present: Trustee Andy Hirshman (Vice Chair), Trustee Mia Jazo-Harris, and Trustee Maureen Mena. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: Chelsea Duis, Executive Administrator; Cynthia Fain, Senior Legal Counsel; Sarah Kahn, Assistant Legal Counsel; Carolyn Clifford (Hearing Officer) and Maureen Lemon of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd.; and Janet Cummings (Court Reporter).

Remote attendees: None

Visitors: None

L Kurowski Administrative Review Hearing

A hearing was held on TRS member Lynda Kurowski's appeal of a staff determination on her request for additional service credit. A court reporter was present and took a verbatim transcript of the open portions of the hearing.

Carolyn Clifford, Hearing Officer, provided an overview of the administrative review process and admitted into evidence the documentation submitted by the parties for consideration of Kurowski's claim. Documentation is on file.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Jazo-Harris, seconded by Trustee Mena, that the Committee enter into executive session to discuss matters as authorized and permitted under the following exceptions set forth by the Open Meetings Act: evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body as defined in this Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4)].

Roll call resulted in affirmative voice votes from Hirshman, Jazo-Harris, and Mena.

The public meeting closed at 2:07 PM.

No action was taken during executive session.

The public meeting reconvened at 3:00 PM. Roll call attendance was taken with the following Trustees present: Trustees Hirshman, Jazo-Harris, and Mena.

Decision on L Kurowski Administrative Review

A motion was made by Trustee Hirshman, seconded by Trustee Jazo-Harris, to affirm the staff decision, with the Claims Hearing Committee finding that Lynda Kurowski is not entitled to additional service credit with respect to her employment with the Benjamin School District No. 25, and that a written decision of the factual finding and conclusions be drafted by the Hearing Officer reflecting the Committee's decision. Roll call resulted in affirmative voice votes from Hirshman, Jazo-Harris, and Mena.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Jazo-Harris, seconded by Trustee Hirshman, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.



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Approved: 10/23/2025