

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

July 7, 2026

11:00 am

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

Commissioners Present:

Frank Simone, Chair
Ron Yee, Vice-Chair
Denis Martin
Henry Wilson
Tom Yee

ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

Alisha Bell, Chair
Wayne County Commission

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Assad Turfe, Deputy CEO
Office of the Wayne County Executive

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Absent:

Others Present:

Robert Grden, Gerard Grysko, Taylor Kosikowski, Emily Cottick, Robert Abb, Bruce Campbell,
Eva Cantarella, Edward Thomas, Anitra Thomas

1. Call to Order at 11:00 am.
2. Roll Call.

Present: Frank Simone, Chair; Ron Yee, Vice-Chair; Denis Martin; Henry Wilson; Tom Yee; Alisha Bell; Assad Turfe

Absent:

3. Consideration of an appeal from Edward Thomas concerning the recalculation of his pension benefit.

Eva Cantarella, Edward Thomas, and Anitra Thomas moved to the table at 11:00 am.

Ms. Cantarella, Mr. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas presented Mr. Thomas's appeal to the Retirement Commission.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Receive and File the appeal from Edward Thomas concerning the recalculation of his pension benefit.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 7-0.

Ms. Cantarella, Mr. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas left for the day at 11:59 am.

4. Consideration of confidential legal reports from legal counsel.

M.C.L.A. 15.243(1)(g), which permits a Public Body to discuss matters in closed session that are subject to Attorney-Client Privilege, noting that a roll call is required for this motion.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss items #4 pursuant to the provisions 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, M.C.L. 15.243(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 #4.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote, Frank Simone – yes, Ron Yee – yes, Denis Martin – yes, Henry Wilson – yes, Tom Yee – yes, Alisha Bell – yes, Assad Turfe – yes.

The Retirement Commission went into closed session at 12:00 pm.

Chairman Simone called for a recess at 12:00 pm.

The Retirement Commission returned to closed session at 12:07 pm with the following Commissioners present: Frank Simone, Ron Yee, Denis Martin, Henry Wilson, Tom Yee, Alisha Bell, Assad Turfe.

Bruce Campbell moved to the table at 12:07 pm.

The Retirement Commission returned to open session at 12:36 pm with the following Commissioners present: Frank Simone, Ron Yee, Denis Martin, Henry Wilson, Tom Yee, Alisha Bell, Assad Turfe.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Receive and File the confidential legal reports from legal counsel.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 7-0.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with its Appeal Policy and Section 141-33(c) of the Retirement Ordinance, the Retirement Commission held an appeal hearing as requested by Mr. Thomas, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission allowed Mr. Thomas, and his attorney, an opportunity to present his appeal and explain why he believes the recalculation of his pension benefit was improper, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission desired additional time to consider the appeal and to review the administrative record, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Delay the recalculation of Edward Thomas's pension benefit pending resolution of his appeal; and further

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Pass to a Date Certain of July 27, 2026, Regular Board meeting an appeal by Edward Thomas.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 7-0.

5. Public Comment.
None.
6. Reconsiderations.
None.

7. Such Other Matters.

Mr. Rob Abb provided the Commissioners with an update on proposed legislation pending in the Michigan Legislature to revise the restrictions and limitations set forth in MCL 46.12a governing the number of hours re-employed County retirees may work.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Grden, Executive Director
Wayne County Employees' Retirement System