

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

**April 24, 2026
10:00 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 (via Zoom)
Henry Wilson
Tom Yee

ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

Alisha Bell, Chair
Wayne County Commission

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Absent:

Assad Turfe, Deputy CEO
Office of the Wayne County Executive

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Others Present:

Robert Grden, Gerard Grysko, Taylor Kosikowski, Mark Mueller, Kevin VandenHaute, Robert Abb, Linda Pente, Kathleen Colin

1. Call to Order at 10:04 am.
2. Roll Call.

Present: Frank Simone, Chair; Ron Yee, Vice-Chair; Denis Martin (via Zoom); Henry Wilson; Tom Yee; Alisha Bell

Absent: Assad Turfe

- 3a. Approval of minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2026.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Waive the reading of the minutes and Approve the minutes of March 30, 2026.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

- 3b. Applications for retirement.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the applications for retirement.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

APPLICATIONS

Emp. ID	Name	Dept.	Application Date	Retirement Date
14711	Linda Morris	DPS	03/24/2026	06/01/2026
32191	Luke Skywalker	Pros Atty	03/25/2026	06/01/2026
16112	Venus Austin	Co Clk	03/26/2026	04/27/2026
35059	Janet Jenkins	JYS	03/27/2026	06/01/2026
27023	Robert Kimble	DPS	03/24/2026	05/01/2026
13260	Michael Roper	WCS	04/01/2026	05/01/2026
26944	Joyce Hall	Pros Atty	04/10/2026	06/12/2026
27016	Tanya Johnson	DPS	04/13/2026	05/13/2026
33067	Alfred Washington	Deferred	04/16/2026	06/01/2026

DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

Name	Dept.	Application Date
(None)		

3c. Removals from pension payroll because of death.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, that the listed retirees be Removed from the pension payroll because of their deaths on the indicated dates, and further

RESOLVED, that any monies due to the deceased be paid to the named beneficiaries, subject to the receipt of a death certificate in each case.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

DEATHS

Name	
Sally Stallworth	Rose Combs
Beverly Mytkowski	Erna Kusch
Joseph Ashburn	Patricia Marsh
Claire Rutland-Parnell	Lucille McNamara
Janet Nye	James McGuire
Mildred Williamson	

3d. Retirement Allowances.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the final retirement allowances.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW RETIREES

Name	Dept.	Name	Dept.
Michael Mlot - (Bd approved ND Disability at 2/23/2026 mtg)	WCAA	Venus Austin	Co Clk
Janet Witte	Prob Ct.	Robert Kimble - Deferred	DPS
Helen Johnson	M&B	Michael Roper	WCS
Andamo Goins	WCS		

- 3e. Adjustment of pensions for retirees because of additional earnings, annual leave payments, overpayments, etc.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the adjustment of pensions for retirees because of additional earnings, annual leave payments, overpayments, etc.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA (NEW RETIREES)

Name	Effective Date
Joseph Mifsud - (Bd approved DDR at 2/23/2026 mtg)	03/01/2026

ADJUSTMENTS

Name	Adjustment Date
David Austin	03/01/2026
Patrick Flinn	03/01/2026
Gerald O'Neill, Jr	03/01/2026
Charles Garber	04/01/2026
Brian Lowler	04/01/2026
James VanCalbergh	04/01/2026
Tracy Bangs	04/01/2026
Jonathon Godre	04/01/2026
Joseph Scheuher	04/01/2026
Clifton Govan	05/01/2026

ADJUSTMENTS TO CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY

Name	Adjustment Date
Jospeh Gawenda	04/01/2026
Shannon Mapp	10/01/2025

- 3f. Re-calculations and/or Pop-ups due to death of spouse, and attainment of age 60 under Disability Retirement as well as additional contributions.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the Re-calculations and/or Pop-ups due to death of spouse, and attainment of age 60 under Disability Retirement as well as additional contributions.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

RE-CALCULATIONS	
Name	Conversion Date
(None)	

POP-UPS	
Name	Pop-Up Date
Robert Daiuto	04/01/2026
Abe Patterson	02/01/2026
Julia Meixner	04/01/2026

- 3g. March stipends of \$140,611.01 for pre-Medicare eligible members pursuant to Wayne County Ordinance 2015-610.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Approve the March stipends of \$140,611.01 for pre-Medicare eligible members pursuant to Wayne County Ordinance 2015-610.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

- 3h. Correspondence.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the correspondence.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 6-0.

4. Recommendation from Dr. Chad Stennett, Medical Director and Corporation Counsel regarding the disability retirement of the following members:

Non-Duty Disability

(None)

Duty Disability

James Myers

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

Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into closed session discuss agenda items #4, #6, and #12. pursuant to the provisions of 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.

Information that is subject to the Physician-Patient Privilege is not subject to disclosure, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. M.C.L. 14.243(1)(h). 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; and further

Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act M.C.L. 15.267(2), which permits a Public Body to discuss closed session minutes that are not available to the public, noting that a roll call is required for this motion. 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 #6; and further

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 #12.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote, Frank Simone – yes, Ron Yee – yes, Denis Martin – yes, Henry Wilson – yes, Tom Yee – yes, Alisha Bell – yes.

The Retirement Commission went into closed session at 10:05 am.

Tom Yee exited the meeting at 10:30 am.

The Retirement Commission returned to open session at 10:49 am with the following Commissioners present: Frank Simone, Ron Yee, Denis Martin (via Zoom), Henry Wilson, Alisha Bell.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the legal report by the Corporation Counsel regarding disability retirement(s); and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the Medical Director's report; and further

RESOLVED, to Accept the recommendation(s) from the Medical Director and Corporation Counsel; and further

RESOLVED, to Approve the duty disability retirement and that further exam(s) are to be determined by the Retirement Commission for:

Duty Disability

James Myers

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 5-0.

5. Recommendation from Dr. Stennett, Medical Director and Corporation Counsel regarding re-examination(s) for disability retiree members:

(None)

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

No action necessary on this item.

6. Consideration of meeting minutes for the closed session(s) of March 30, 2026.

M.C.L.A. 15.267(2), which permits a Public Body to discuss closed session minutes that are not available to the public, noting that a roll call, is required for this motion.

Mr. Wilson moves the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Waive the reading of the minutes and Approve the closed session(s) of March 30, 2026.

The motion was supported by Mr. Martin and carried unanimously 5-0.

12. Consideration of a confidential legal report from VMT Law, P.C.

M.C.L.A. 15.243(1)(h), 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 moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the confidential legal report from VMT Law, P.C.

The motion was supported by Mr. Martin and carried unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System (the "Retirement Commission") is vested with the fiduciary responsibility for the proper administration, management and operation of the Retirement System, and for making effective the Retirement System provisions, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission administers benefits in accordance with Plan provisions and applicable state and federal law and must pay benefits consistent therewith, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the due diligence of the Executive Director, the Retirement Commission discovered a potential issue with the calculation of pensions for former Wayne County judges who had pre-judicial service time with Wayne County and/or post-judicial service time with Wayne County, and

WHEREAS, after discovering the issue, the Retirement Commission notified the County and requested that Wayne County Corporation Counsel review the matter and opine on whether recent litigation impacted the calculation of judicial pensions, and

WHEREAS, after repeated requests, Corporation Counsel provided a legal opinion, dated August 19, 2025, opining that the pension benefit of former Wayne County Probate Court Judge David Szymanski was improperly calculated, and

WHEREAS, in reliance on that opinion, the Retirement Commission resolved to recalculate and reduce Mr. Szymanski's pension, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission continued to audit its files and found other retired judges whose benefits were calculated similarly to Mr. Szymanski and resolved to reduce the pensions of former Wayne County Circuit Court Judges Richard Hathaway and Edward Thomas, and

WHEREAS, Wayne County CEO Warren Evans sent a letter dated April 15, 2026, to the Retirement Commission concerning these issues, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement Commission reviewed Mr. Evans' letter and discussed the following:

1. The Retirement System is audited by an independent third party auditor every year (George Johnson & Company (GJC)) to audit the financial records of the Retirement System;
2. GJC audits over 50 pension calculations plus additional key County executives and Retirement System staff each year;
3. GJC reports to the Audit Committee each year that they check pension calculations as part of their standard auditing procedures and that they have never discovered a single issue with pension calculations or a single pension that was not properly calculated in accordance with Plan provisions since being retained;
4. The Retirement System staff have audited every pension calculation since at least 2010;
5. As the former Chair of the Audit Committee, Hugh Macdonald also implemented quarterly internal control reviews and reporting to the Audit Committee;

6. Retirement System staff also audited the retirement incentive packages offered by the prior County Executive and worked with Corporation Counsel and outside legal counsel to remediate serious problems created by Labor Relations and the County promising impracticable benefits that exceeded IRS limits;
7. The Retirement System was recently audited by the IRS which found no material deficiencies or defects in the Retirement System but did discover several issues with the County not taking required deductions from employees as required by IRS regulations;
8. The Retirement Commission also noted that the issues with the calculation of judicial pensions was identified and discovered by *the Retirement System, not the County* – in fact, the Retirement System identified the issue and waited years for the Corporation Counsel to provide an opinion and begin the process of correcting the pension calculations; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Direct staff to send a response letter to Mr. Warren Evans, and further

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Authorize staff to meet with Mr. Evans to discuss the judicial overpayments and extensive auditing of pension calculations described above.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 5-0.

Kevin VandenHaute and Mark Mueller entered the meeting and moved to the table at 10:50 am.

7. Consideration of the March flash report on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the March flash report on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 5-0.

8. Consideration of a status update on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the verbal status update on the Defined Benefit Plan from Titan Wealth Advisors.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 5-0.

9. Consideration of an amendment to the WCERS Opportunity Fund LP Agreement (Pass for the Day on March 30, 2026).

M.C.L. 15.268(1)(h), which permits a Public Body to discuss matters in closed session that are exempt by other statutes. Financial or proprietary information pertaining to a portfolio company in real estate or alternative investments in which the investment fiduciary has invested or has considered an investment that is considered by the portfolio company and acknowledged by the investment fiduciary as confidential is not subject to disclosure pursuant to MCL 38.1140l, noting that a roll call is required for this motion.

M.C.L.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 moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission to Pass for the Day an amendment to the WCERS Opportunity Fund Agreement (Pass for the Day on March 30, 2026).

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 5-0.

10. Consideration of a verbal report from Committee Chair, Ron Yee, regarding the Audit Committee meeting of April 22, 2026.

Mr. Ron Yee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the verbal report from Committee Chair, Ron Yee, regarding the Audit Committee meeting of April 22, 2026.

The motion was supported by Ms. Bell and carried unanimously 5-0.

Tom Yee re-entered the meeting at 11:42 am.

11. Consideration of a verbal report from Committee Chair, Henry Wilson, regarding the Policy Committee meeting of April 22, 2026.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Employees' Retirement Commission, to Accept the verbal report from Committee Chair, Henry Wilson, regarding the Policy Committee meeting of April 22, 2026.

The motion was supported by Mr. Tom Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

13. Public Comment.

Kathleen Colin addressed the Retirement Commission.

14. Reconsiderations.

None.

15. Such Other Matters.

Director Grden informed the Commissioners of an upcoming portfolio review with Garcia Hamilton on June 24, 2026.

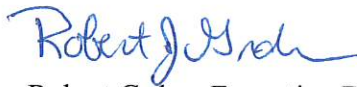
16. Adjournment.

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was supported by Mr. Ron Yee and carried unanimously 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Grden, Executive Director
Wayne County Employees' Retirement System