



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Berkshire County Retirement System
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To: Town Clerks

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Berkshire County Retirement Board Meeting

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Date: Wednesday April 29, 2026

At: Retirement Office, 29 Dunham Mall, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Time: 9:00am

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/879146597>

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1.) Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Retirement Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) The Board minutes of the regular meeting held 3/25/2026, to be approved. Ex. Session minutes from: 3/26/25, 6/16/25, 6/30/25, 10/10/25, 10/29/25 and 2/25/26 were approved, signed and made available to the public upon request.
- b.) The Board received from PRIT a statement of performance for Feb & Mar 26
- c.) The Board is in receipt of the bank statements for March 26 & budget Apr 26
- d.) Approve monthly expenses for April 2026
- e.) Approve the applications for superannuation retirement allowances
- f.) Approve the member transfers for the month of April
- g.) Approve service buybacks for the month of April
- h.) Approve the applications for refunds for the month of April
- i.) Review injuries reported for the month of April
- j.) Approve new member applications
- k.) Record approval of PERAC retirement calculations
- l.) Review 3(8)c reimbursement letters
- m.) Record all PERAC memo correspondence
- n.) Approve payment of travel & educational expenses
- o.) Record all miscellaneous correspondence

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2.) **Executive Session:** Under Purpose 7 - To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law, that law being G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f) and (g) - the Board will review and vote on whether to approve executive session minutes regarding the LaBarbera matter. If after determining that the need for secrecy no longer exists and that the attorney-client privilege does not apply, the Board can release the minutes. Review minutes submitted by former board members for review and approval.
- 3.) The Board is asked to accept the ADR application of James Hunt, Town of Monterey and process a request a medical panel from PERAC.
- 4.) The Board will accept and approve Chairman Michael Ovitt's resignation as he had stated in the February 25, 2026 Board meeting.
- 5.) Legal Update: Presented by Board Counsel Thomas Gibson
- 6.) The Board will approve and sign the agreement for legal services for the Law Offices of Thomas Gibson.
- 7.) The Board will approve and sign the agreement for special counsel from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane.
- 8.) The Board will review PERAC memo #11 and approve the release form for pre-employment physicals for eligible group 4 employees.
- 9.) The Board is asked to approve a 3% COLA for retirees who retired before June 30, 2025. COLA will be effective July 1, 2026. *The Berkshire County Retirement Advisory council will meet on April 23, 2026 to review the 3% COLA increase for eligible retirees who retired before 6/30/2025.*

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 9am.


Sheila LaBarbera, Executive Director
Berkshire County Retirement Board