

**MINUTES OF  
JOINT DISABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS COMMITTEES OF KENTUCKY  
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
MEETING**

**January 24, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. E.T.  
Via Video Teleconference  
1260 Louisville Road  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

At the meeting of the Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees, held on January 24, 2024, the following members were present via live video teleconference: Jerry Powell, Chair, Dr. Patricia Carver, and Mary Eaves.

In addition, those present from KPPA were Erin Surratt, Liza Welch, Ed Owens, Victoria Hale, Andrea Freadreacea, JJ Alleman, Shaun Case, Ashley McIntosh, Recording Secretary, Crystal Smith-Harrod, and Shelley Dalton.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 29, 2023, Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees Meeting.

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Mr. Powell noted the necessity of closed session for the purpose of reviewing the disability applications and administrative appeals of Administrative Action Numbers:

21-D-16, 21-D-37, 21-T-07, 21-T-16, 21-T-21, 22-T-28, 22-PS-11.

It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Mary Eaves, and carried unanimously to enter closed session.

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Following discussion in closed session, the Joint Committees returned to open session, whereafter the following transpired.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-D-16, to Remand to the Hearing Officer to issue a new Recommended Order on Remand regarding whether the Claimant is entitled to non-hazardous disability retirement benefits under KRS 61.600 applying the exertional level of very heavy work.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the

Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-D-37, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, as modified in the Board Final Order, and to Deny Claimant's application for hazardous in-line-of-duty disability retirement benefits.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the Claimant's motion to disqualify the Hearing Officer, including the record and responses duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-T-07, to Deny the Claimant's motion to disqualify the Hearing Officer and further ordered that this matter be rescheduled for administrative hearing and the hearing be held within ninety (90) days of the Boards' Order.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-T-16 to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, as modified in the Board Final Order, to Continue Claimant's non-hazardous disability retirement benefits with a review in four (4) years.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 21-T-21, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, as modified in the Board Final Order, to Continue Claimant's non-hazardous disability retirement benefits with a review in three (3) years.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-T-28, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, as modified in the Board Final Order, to Discontinue Claimant's non-hazardous disability retirement benefits.

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It was moved by Dr. Carver, seconded by Ms. Eaves, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 22-PS-11, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, as modified in the Board Final Order, and to Dismiss the appeal With Prejudice.

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The Committee scheduled the next meeting for March 25, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., E.T.

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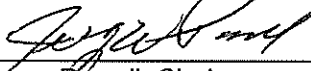
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M., E.T. to meet on March 25, at 10:00 A.M., E.T.

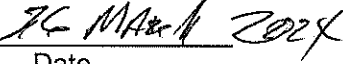
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ashley McIntosh, do certify that I was present at this meeting, and the recorded above actions of the Joint Committees on the various items considered by them at this meeting is true and correct.

  
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Ashley McIntosh  
Recording Secretary

I, Jerry Powell, do certify that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2024, were approved by the Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System and the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems on March 25, 2024.

  
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Jerry Powell, Chair  
Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees

  
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Date

I, Victoria Hale, was present at the January 24, 2024, Joint Disability and Administrative Appeals Committees meetings, and have reviewed the minutes for form and legality.

  
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Victoria Hale  
General Counsel

  
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Date