

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EDUCATION SESSION
OCTOBER 16, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M. ET
VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the Trustee Education Session Meeting of the County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees held on October 16, 2024, the following members were present: George Cheatham, Dr. Patricia Carter, Michael Foster, Jim Tony Fulkerson, Dr. Merl Hackbart, William O'Mara, and Betty Pendergrass. Staff members present were CERS CEO Ed Owens III, Ryan Barrow, Rebecca Adkins, Erin Surratt, Michael Lamb, Victoria Hale, Steve Willer, Connie Pettyjohn, Jeff Pritchett, Wes Crosthwaite, Phillip Cook, Ashley Gabbard, Sherry Rankin, and Sandy Hardin. Others present was Eric Branco with Johnson, Branco, & Brennan LLC.

1. Mr. Cheatham called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Branco read the Opening Statement.
3. Ms. Rankin called Roll.
4. Mr. Cheatham introduce agenda item ***Public Comment***. Ms. Rankin noted there was no public comment.
5. Mr. Cheatham introduced agenda item ***Chairman's Corner*** (Video 00:07:00 to 00:07:35). Mr. Cheatham expressed his to gratitude Erin Surratt, Executive Director of the Office Benefits, for the informative presentation that she and her staff have prepared for today's education session.
6. Mr. Cheatham introduced agenda item ***Members Benefits Training – Payment Options Pension Spiking, and Medicare Eligible Insurance*** (Video 00:07:35 to 01:34:47). Ms. Surratt and her staff delivered a training presentation on CERS benefits focusing on retirement payment options; pension spiking; and health insurance, specifically focusing on transitioning to Medicare. Following the informative presentation, Ms. Surratt

answered questions posed by the Board.

7. There being no further business, Mr. Cheatham requested a motion to *adjourn*. Mr. Fulkerson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Carver. The motion was passed unanimously.

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CERTIFICATION

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Trustees on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.


Recording Secretary

I, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on October 16, 2024, were approved on December 2, 2024.


Chair of the Board of Trustees

I have reviewed the Minutes of the October 16, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting for content, form, and legality.


Executive Director
Office of Legal Services