

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT, ACCIDENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM
ORAN PAPE STATE OFFICE BUILDING, DES MOINES, IOWA 50319-0050
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident & Disability System convened on May 18, 2026, at 10:31 a.m. Members of the Board present and constituting a quorum were Chairman Stephan Bayens, Trustee Seth Bean, Trustee Mark Oiler, Trustee Roby Smith (Remote), and Trustee Marland Winter. Members of the Board absent were none. Others present were POR Legal Counsel John Lundquist (AG's Office), Sue Cave (SPOC, remote), Keith Traylor (TOS), and Garrett Peirce (TOS). DPS staff present were Director Jim Wittenwyler, Captain Michael Kober, Special Agent in Charge Steven VanOtterloo (Remote), POR Board Secretary Jasmine Cripps, and POR Recording Secretary Amanda Veren.

Item 1 - Approval of minutes from POR Board meeting held April 20, 2026

Trustee Bean made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Winter seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 2 - Application for Service Retirement – Christopher Adkins, Louis Brown, Frank Burns, Russell Engstler, Scott Green, Brian Meeker, Amy Miller, Aaron Nordyke, Greg Obbink, Patrick Townsend, Steven VanOtterloo, and Patrick Waymire

- Special Agent Christopher Adkins applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026, electing optional benefit #6, the Joint & 100% Survivor Annuity.
- Special Agent Louis Brown applied for service retirement effective June 20, 2026, electing optional benefit #6, the Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity.
- Sergeant Frank Burns applied for service retirement effective June 20, 2026.
- Trooper Russell Engstler applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026.
- Special Agent Scott Green applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026.
- Trooper Brian Meeker applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026, electing optional retirement benefit #5, the Joint and 75% Survivor Annuity.
- Special Agent Amy Miller applied for service retirement effective August 7, 2026, electing optional retirement benefit #1, the Straight Life Annuity.
- Trooper Aaron Nordyke applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026, electing optional retirement benefit #6, the Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity.
- Lieutenant Greg Obbink applied for service retirement effective June 20, 2026, electing optional retirement benefit #5, the Joint and 75% Survivor Annuity.
- Special Agent in Charge Patrick Townsend applied for service retirement effective June 20, 2026.
- Special Agent in Charge Steven VanOtterloo applied for service retirement effective June 20, 2026.
- Assistant Director Patrick Waymire applied for service retirement effective June 26, 2026, electing optional retirement benefit #6, the Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity.

Trustee Bean made a motion to approve the twelve service retirement applications as presented. Trustee Winter seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 3 - Application for Accidental Disability Benefits – Trent Vileta

Former Special Agent Trent Vileta applied for accidental disability benefits. Due to the subject matter, Trustee Oiler made a motion to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). Trustee Winter seconded. Roll Call: Trustee Smith – aye. Trustee Winter – aye. Trustee Bean – aye. Trustee Oiler – aye. Chairman Bayens – aye. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:45 a.m. Trustee Oiler made a motion to come out of closed session. Trustee Winter seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The Board came out of closed session at 10:59 a.m. Under Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 661-401.1(2), all applications for accidental disability benefits shall be deemed cross-filed by the commissioner for ordinary disability benefits for the purpose of considering disability benefits. Trustee Winter made a motion to grant ordinary disability benefits. Trustee Bean seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 4 - Application for Survivor Benefits – Patricia Herrick

Retired Lieutenant Gary Herrick passed away on April 28th, 2026. His surviving spouse, Patricia Herrick, applied for survivor benefits. Trustee Winter made a motion to approve the application for survivor benefits. Trustee Bean seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 5 - Application for Survivor Benefits – Judith Forrest

Retired Special Agent Ronald Forrest passed away on May 4th, 2026. His surviving spouse, Judith Forrest, applied for survivor benefits. Trustee Winter made a motion to approve the application for survivor benefits. Trustee Bean seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 6 – Application for Withdrawal of POR Contributions – Jerald Farmer

Non-vested POR member Jerald Farmer applied to withdraw his POR contributions and interest. Trustee Bean made a motion to approve the application for withdrawal of POR contributions. Trustee Winter seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 7 – Request for Medical Expense Reimbursement – John Hitchcock

Accidental disability retiree John Hitchcock submitted documentation for reimbursement of \$15.72 in medical expenses not paid by his health insurance. Trustee Winter made a motion to approve payment of \$15.72 for reimbursement of medical expenses directly related to John Hitchcock’s disabling condition. Trustee Bean seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item 8 – Retired Trustee Election Update – POR Staff

Election ballots with return envelopes were mailed on April 28th, 2026, with a deadline to be returned or postmarked by May 29th, 2026. Election results are expected to be announced at the next POR Board meeting for the term running from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

Item 9 – Open Forum

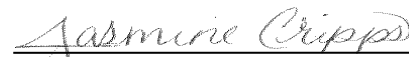
Sue Cave asked if the process to appeal a decision by the Board is spelled out in the letter sent to the applicant. Staff advised the process to appeal a decision by the Board is included in the letter sent to the applicant.

Next POR Board Meeting – Monday, June 15th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Oran Pape State Office Building; 1st Floor Public Conference Room

Adjournment. Trustee Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bean seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully,



Jasmire Cripps, POR Board Secretary



Amanda Veren, POR Board Recording Secretary