

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF THE RULES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2026

The Rules and Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois convened at the Springfield Office on January 12, 2026 at 3:07 p.m.

The following trustees were in attendance:

Jack Matthews, Trustee
Dan Silverthorn, Trustee

The following trustee was absent:

Arnold Black, Chairman

Others in attendance were:

Tim Blair, Executive Secretary
Jeff Houch, Associate Executive Secretary
Samantha Goetz, General Counsel

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2025

Trustee Silverthorn motioned to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025 meeting of the committee, Trustee Matthews seconded the motion, and the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Associate Executive Secretary Jeff Houch presented to the Committee proposed rules which provide the following:

This rulemaking codifies the system's policy that a member does not qualify for occupational disability benefits if the causation of disability related to an award or settlement under the Workers' Compensation Act or the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act is disputed.

This rulemaking clarifies that if a member who received a buyout payment returns to service and subsequently retires, then such buyout payment shall not be adjusted due to the subsequent service credit.

This rulemaking provides that an alternative formula member who elects to receive the “estimated payment” option, who also elected to receive the accelerated pension benefit for the automatic annual increase payment, and has a Qualified Illinois Domestic Relations Order (QILDRO) must provide the required supplemental order before the estimated payment option can be paid.

This rulemaking provides that a member employed by SERS is ineligible to serve as a contributing member trustee.

After some discussion regarding the details of the proposed rules Trustee Matthews motioned to approve the proposed rules, Trustee Silverthorn seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.