



Seattle Retirement

Seattle City Employees' Retirement System

Administrative Committee Meeting
Pacific Building, 720 3rd Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA
(206) 386-1293

Minutes, Thursday, September 25, 2025

AC Members Present: Judith Blinder (Chair), Maria Coe, Sherri Crawford, Joseph Hoffman, Jamie Carnell

SCERS Staff Present: Jeff Davis, Paige Alderete, Nina Melencio

Others Present: Martha Burke, Brent Johnson (PEI Group), Andrew Robinson (FAS)

Call to Order

Judith Blinder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Approved Minutes from the July 31, 2025 Administrative Committee special meeting.

Motion:	Upon motion by <u>Judith Blinder</u> , seconded by <u>Sherri Crawford</u> , the Administrative Committee approved the minutes from the July 31, 2025 Administrative Committee special meeting. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
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Disability Retirement Policy

Paige Alderete provided the background for the recommended revisions to SCERS's *Rules and Procedures for Disability Retirement And Total Permanent Disability*.

Earlier this year, a member appealed SCERS's practice of setting a disability retirement date to match the date the Board of Administration approves the disability retirement, rather than the date of the member's application. The time it takes to go through the required disability review process is largely outside of members' control. The process for the above-mentioned appeal took over a year to complete, which was beyond reasonable expectations.

At the time of the appeal, staff noted to the Board that we would be reviewing and recommending changes to the *Rules and Procedures for Disability Retirement And Total Permanent Disability*.

SCERS's disability rules and procedures were updated to state that when a disability retirement is approved, either following the initial application or an appeal, retirement benefits shall be payable to the member retroactive to the date that SCERS received a complete application for the approved disability retirement benefit.

Motion: Upon motion by Judith Blinder, seconded by Sherri Crawford, the Administrative Committee recommended that the Board of Administration accept the revised Disability Retirement Policy. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Upon motion by Judith Blinder, seconded by Sherri Crawford, the Administrative Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).