

Fire Fighters & Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting



May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Committee members in attendance: Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez, Chief Richard Caton, Ronnie Green, Paul Gaspar, Dan Felkel, John Martell

Committee members absent: Chief David Groder

Others present: Susan Ryerson, Emily Charlton – Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
I. Call to Order (8:35 am)	Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez called the meeting to order.	
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from February 12, 2025, were reviewed.	A motion to accept February 12, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Ronnie Green. The motion was seconded by Chief Richard Caton. Motion approved to accept the February 12, 2025, meeting minutes.
III. Legislation Update	Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez asked if there were any legislative updates on LD 848. Ronnie Green provided an update on LD 848 sponsored by Representative Henderson from Rumford. LD 848 is currently in work session.	Ronnie Green will provide updates when available.
IV. Financial Reports	None	

V. Membership Update	<p>Susan Ryerson presented membership numbers effective 05/01/2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of municipalities that currently participate is 77. • The number of active members that are contributing increased by 21. • There are 27 new hires who waived participation in the program., • Members who withdrew are 2. • The total members terminated is 13. • Contributing total membership is 730. <p>Maine PERS is crediting 108 members' subsidies through their retirement checks. Below is the breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMEHT 67 participants • Cigna 22 participants • Anthem 19 participants <p>Direct Reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each month, 25 retirees are being directly reimbursed. 	
VI. Updates	<p>Susan Ryerson reviewed the current council seats and term dates. This is a 5-year term; after that members would need to provide a letter from the Administration to continue the service.</p>	<p>Susan Ryerson will follow up on the required letters to maintain council seats.</p>
a. Appeals	None	
VII. New Business:	There was no new business.	

VIII. Other Business:	<p>Susan Ryerson reminded everyone of the upcoming 2025 meeting dates and times:</p> <p>August 13, 2025, from 8:30-10:00 am.</p> <p>November 12, 2025, from 8:30-10:00 am.</p> <p>All meetings will be held in Conference Room 400 at the State of Maine's Burton Cross Building (111 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME) and through Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p>Susan Ryerson reviewed the 2025 meeting schedule.</p>
VIII. Adjourn Meeting (9:05 am)	<p>Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is August 13, 2025, from 8:30 to 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Chief Richard Caton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Gaspar. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.</p>

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