MINUTES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

March 26, 2026

The State Personnel Board (SPB) met telephonically on March 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. to conduct business and to consider other administrative matters.

Attending the meeting: Robert Paulson, Designee for Chair; SPB members; Jay Arceneaux, Kymberly Gillespie, Rick Wallace, and Forrest Roles.

Division of Personnel (DOP) staff members attending the meeting: Sheryl Webb, Director; Elisabeth Arthur, and Layna Valentine-Brown, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The members of the SPB received the minutes from the February 26, 2026 regular meeting of the SPB prior to this meeting. Rick Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the meeting and Forrest Roles seconded the motion. The SPB voted and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

PROPOSALS

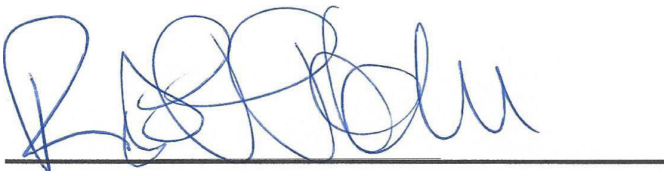
None

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Webb apprised the board members that the Wayne County Health Department is terminating their Service Level Agreement with the DOP. The board members were also informed that House Bill 5441 (HB 5441) did pass with an effective date of July 1, 2026. This bill eliminates the special merit-based personnel system for the Department of Transportation, the State Tax Department, and the Bureau for Social Services and they will move back to the DOP. HB 5441 also terminates the State Personnel Board duties, and that meetings will be held in April, May and June. Director Webb expressed her gratitude to the Board for all of their assistance over the years.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SPB is scheduled for April 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.



Robert Paulson, Designee for Eric L. Householder, Chair
State Personnel Board



Layna Valentine-Brown,
Secretary State Personnel Board