

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**September 28, 2017**

**Members Present:** Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Lt. Edward Evans, Sheriff's Office Representative  
Sgt. Shawn Moses, Sheriff's Office Representative  
Dr. Tracy Harris, Citizen Representative

**Others Present:** Catherine Pratson, Plan Administrator  
Karen Gates, Recorder

**Absent:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as presented by Dr. Bridgett.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Harris made a motion, seconded by Edward Evans, to approve the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**FIDUCIARY TRAINING**

Mary Claire Chesshire, the SORP plan attorney, conducted fiduciary training.

**CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE**

Lt. Edwards asked the Plan Attorney why the Plan contained a provision prohibiting a participant from receiving credit for military service under the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan if the participant is receiving a military pension or is eligible to receive a military pension in the future. Mary Claire Chesshire responded that the exclusion prevents the participant from essentially receiving credit twice for the same service and is modeled after the standard provision for government plans, including the Federal government's civilian plan and the State of MD retirement system plans. Ms. Chesshire noted that there is no law of which she is aware that precludes the SORP from granting the military service credit without regard to whether the participant is entitled to a military pension.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Deferred to next meeting on October 26, 2017.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

**ADJORNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gates  
SORP Plan Coordinator

APPROVED:

Dr. Rebecca B. Bridgett  
Chair