

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting

June 6, 2025 at 9:30 am – Second Quarter Business Meeting

Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy

Leadership Auditorium

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 9:37 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Dale LaRue

Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Lydia Frey, 13 elected officers were in attendance. (President Bob Booker, 1st Vice President Dale LaRue, 2nd Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Lydia Frey, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Past President Richard Collins, Superintendent Charles Jones, District Representatives: Findlay, Pam Sullivan; Bucyrus, Arnie Schropp; Warren, Lou Gliozzi; Cambridge, Mark Stelzer and Delmer Dunlap; Florida, Chris and Nestor Vincenty. There were 36 Association Members in attendance. (HPRS Director Carl Roark and Operations Manager Tony Bradshaw also in attendance)

Executive Board Reports:

Minutes from 2025 1st Quarter meeting

Motion to accept as written by Dale LaRue

Second by Brenda Collins

Discussion none

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Collins: The OSHPR has four accounts at the SHPFCU.

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
Main Working	\$95,375.47
Benevolent Account	\$10,385.76
O. W. Merrell Award	\$6,223.34
Chiaromonte Humanitarian Award	\$6,933.52
Total	\$118,918.09

Any dues paying member can request a copy of a more detailed financial report.

Motion to approve report as prepared by Dale LaRue
Second by Sheldon Senek
Discussion none
Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Membership and Credentials: Butch Collins (with STO)

Resolutions: None

Historical: None

Active Ranks Update: Colonel Chuck Jones

Colonel Jones and Director Wilson are going through the Budget process at the Statehouse. Both testified before the House and Senate. There was a requested \$10 increase on registration and title fees. The House and Senate both voted on a \$5 increase. Colonel Jones said the \$5 increase would help the Ohio State Highway Patrol move forward in the next 5-6 years. He also mentioned the work they do for outside agencies. Once the Governor signs the budget, it will go into effect July 1.

Recruitment and Retention. The 176th and 177th are currently in session. The 176th class graduates June 20, 2025 and they have 18 in the class. The 177th started seven weeks ago and they have 34 in the class. The 178th is scheduled to start September of 2025.

Colonel Jones is proud of the work done by everyone. This includes sworn and professional staff.

He also discussed Mental Health and Wellness. The Ohio State Highway Patrol provides resources to everyone.

Colonel Jones is very proud of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and they are in good shape. Everyone is doing a great job.

Retirement System Update: Carl Roark

Dashboard data project being worked on. This was a suggestion from the member survey and should provide a lot of information to everyone.

COLA is the number one topic at the Board meetings. The Board will make a decision on 2026 COLA at the June meeting. Our fiduciary report will give more insight for the Board members. Last June a committee was created to focus on COLA. The recommended path forward will require legislative changes and we hope to work with STO and their legislative agents to assist in these changes.

Social security was mentioned. 91% of retro-active pay has been processed. If someone hasn't received their pay and feel they should have received retro pay, please contact the Social Security office.

Executive Director Roark committed on the great job the board was doing for the retirement system. He asked that everyone take the time to thank them. Their time is all donated.

Director Roark said there is a lot of misconceptions and a lot of information is not accurate. These are being addressed in the newsletter.

Please reach out to the board with any questions.

Special Announcements / Ailing Members:

There are several of our members and spouses on the prayer list on www.OSHPretiree.org. Please remember these people and their families. We are happy to see Ken Wellendorf and Fred Goldstein in the audience today. Both are fighting cancer and we are glad they could join us. A few others that come to mind are Sally Rice and Christa Marshall, both ladies have been facing serious health challenges. If anyone knows of other retirees/spouses/widows/family members needing prayers and good energy, please let us know.

President Booker mentioned the graveside maintenance and thanked Ginny Fogt for all the hard work she did on this project. He also thanked the retirees who checked on the gravesites.

State Troopers of Ohio/ Membership & Credentials: Colonel Butch Collins and Tom Rice

Colonel Collins discussed Eric Butler wanting to donate his dad's service award back to OSP. His dad, Patrolman Jack D. Butler, won the O.W. Merrell Meritorious award in 1956.

Colonel Collins also discussed the \$5 registration and title fee increase. He thanked everyone who reached out to their state representatives, when asked.

Colonel Tom Rice thanked everyone for their contributions. He discussed the history of troopers leaving and going to other agencies because they would make more money. He discussed funding and how the Ohio State Highway Patrol needed a permanent funding source. This has been the main mission of STO since the inception. The gas tax was taken from the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 2003.

He will be talking with the 176th Academy class next week.

It was also mentioned that the troopers will be receiving a 12% increase over the next three years. \$73,000 – \$99,000. The retirement system has 1,400 troopers paying in and 1,600 retirees/widows receiving a benefit.

New Business / Next Meeting

Colonel Collins – The Sunbird Reunion is August 9, 2025 at All Occasions in Waldo, Ohio.

The Retirees Association 50th Anniversary Celebration will be at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City on November 8th.

President Bob Booker – Next meeting August 9, 2025 at All Occasions in Waldo, Ohio. He mentioned the article on the 2024 Snowbird in the Flying Wheel. He thanked the Senior Staff for what they do for the retirees. He also mentioned the 2026 Snowbird March 5-7, 2026.

Motion to adjourn to the cookout made by – Dale LaRue
2nd – Brenda Collins

Meeting adjourned.

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Treasurer's Report
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Checking Account (.05%)		\$ 190.53
Regular Savings (.05%)		\$ 5.00
Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$ 16,757.67
CD Total (3.80% to 4.75%)		\$ 77,802.85
*Anniversary Checking Account (.05%)		\$ 619.42
OSHPRA Regular Account Total	Total	\$ 95,375.47

OSHPRA Benevolent Account

Regular Savings (.05%)		\$ 5.00
Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$ 3,507.56
12 Month CD (3.8%)		\$ 6,873.20
OSHPRA Benevolent Account Total	Total	\$ 10,385.76

O. W. Merrell Award Account

Regular Savings (.05%)		\$ 1,552.44
12 Month CD (3.8%)		\$ 4,670.90
O. W. Merrell Award Account Total	Total	\$ 6,223.34

Chiaromonte Humanitarian Award Account

Regular Savings (.05%)		\$ 1,091.71
12 Month CD (3.8%)		\$ 4,670.90
12 Month CD (3.8%)		\$ 1,170.91
Chiaromonte Humanitarian Award Account Total	Total	\$ 6,933.52

GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS **\$ 118,918.09**

*Anniversary Account is NOT part of regular monies -\$ 619.42 \$ 118,298.67

Report prepared with all statements through 5/31/2025
and all other available information through 6/3/2025.