

## **Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Meeting**

June 5, 2026 at 09:30 a.m. – Second Quarter Business Meeting

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy

Columbus, Ohio

Meeting called to order by President Bob Booker at 9:31 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Dale LaRue

Roll call of board & district representatives by Secretary Lydia Frey, 12 elected officers were in attendance. (President Bob Booker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ginny Fogt, Secretary Lydia Frey, Treasurer Brenda Collins, Colonel Charles Jones, District Representatives: Pam Sullivan, Findlay, Arnie Schropp, Bucyrus, Lou Gliozzi, Warren, Steve Brode, Columbus, Mark Stelzer, Cambridge, Dave Peters, Cambridge, Delmer Dunlap Cambridge, Ivan Teets, Jackson, and Nestor Vincenty, Florida. There were 31 Association Members in attendance. (HPRS Executive Director Carl Roark, Darryl Anderson and Tony Bradshaw also in attendance)

Executive Board Reports:

Minutes from 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting

Motion to accept as written by Brenda Collins

Second by Dave Peters

Discussion none

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Collins (last page)

Motion to approve report as prepared by Dale LaRue

Second by Bob Booker

Discussion none

Motion carried

Active Ranks Update: Colonel Charles Jones

Colonel Jones thanked everyone for being here today and their support. He will be attending the swearing in today for Ohio Public Safety Interim Director Ben Suver.

Colonel Jones discussed recruitment and said this is their biggest priority. "All hands on deck". They are doing different advertisements and each District has a recruitment team.

Currently, there are 1371 sworn officers and the ceiling is 1589 (218 troopers short).

Doing different things, they have not done before.

Biggest recruitment reasons:

- Troopers need help. Officer Safety #1
- Continue to strength the Retirement System.

Two Cadet Classes currently in session at the Academy.

- 179<sup>th</sup> – 39 Cadets – Will graduate after the State Fair on August 21
- 180<sup>th</sup> – 33 Cadets – 5-6 weeks into their training
- 181<sup>th</sup> – Will start September of 2026

Traffic safety remains a priority. Four consecutive years with a decrease in fatal crashes.

They are taking care of business.

Continuing to assist law enforcement agencies across the state. Continue helping the 3 C's – Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Also, helping Dayton with their violent crime problems. Everyone is working hard.

Colonel briefly spoke on the reports in the news “not good for OSP” but he felt he should address it today. As Colonel John Born once said, “We, OSP, will not allow individual conduct to become organizational conduct”. Individuals involved have been dealt with.

OSP is in good shape and things are going well. Dealing with issues. Standard is standard. OSP is providing top notch service to Ohio.

Colonel Jones said the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy is this year. Take a look around the Academy to see the changes that have been made.

During the program, Col. Jones presented a certificate of appreciation to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association in recognition of its continued service and support of Patrol initiatives.

Retirement System Update: Carl Roark and Darryl Anderson

Executive Director Carl Roark discussed an article in the paper regarding Ohio Pensions. The discussion was regarding five, seven and ten-year investments. He stated all portfolios are different.

Last year made over 12 % in investments. This made our retirement system healthier. We are in good shape. The Board's goal is to reach 7.25% on investments, in 2025 we made 12.5%. This makes up for the years when the returns are less than 7.25%.

Director Roark discussed benefits – The HRA/COLA report will be coming next week and this will guide the committee with the funding policy. Decisions by the board will be made on June 26, 2026.

This is election year and Trustee Darryl Anderson's position is open. Staff Lieutenant James Faunda submitted an election form as well as Darryl Anderson for re-election. Director Roark is encouraging everyone to vote. They receive approximately 1/3 ballots returned from the members. Votes will be done at the end of July.

Several are here today from the retirement system, and they will stick around for any questions anyone has for them, they are Tony Bradshaw, Operators Manager, Major Matt Them, Sgt. Derek Malone, Darryl Anderson, JP Allen and himself. Former Executive Director Mark Atkeson also present and recognized for his efforts during his tenure.

Trustee Darryl Anderson – Discussed the 12.4 / 12.5% investment return from last year. They are looking at being more aggressive, but the pension is safe.

Darryl commented that people are living longer. No system is designed to keep giving a traditional COLA for retirees living into their 90's. Legislation is being looked at to provide post-retirement benefit option to the traditional COLA.

Annual two-day retirement meeting is in August in Berlin, Ohio. Any retiree is welcome to attend the meeting, then visit restaurants and businesses in the area.

Darryl also encouraged everyone to vote when they receive their ballot in the mail.

#### Special Orders and Announcements:

#### Current and New Business:

Ailing Members: President Bob Booker read the list of ailing members. Several on our prayers list: Steve Brode, Paul Mayer, Pam Sullivan and Rich Rucker were in attendance. Great to see all of them. Please remember others who are on our list (Ron Hoeft (cancer), John Risner (cancer), Mary Arend (glioblastoma), Miriam Church (Dave's daughter – Leukemia), Cherly Booker (testing for

breathing issues) in your prayers. If anyone has other names to be added to the list, please let us know. (Did you want to list the names mentioned?) Yes, please

President Booker thanked everyone who participated in the memorial gravesite maintenance project. A “Special Thanks” to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ginny Fogt for the hard work and coordination she did on this project.

Special thanks to Colonel Jones for once again having retired members wear the uniform and participating in the Memorial Ceremony.

Participation reminder: retiree breakfast gatherings and other get togethers.

Sunbird – All-Occasions Banquet Facility, Waldo, Oh on August 8, 2026.  
Registration forms are out on the counter and will be distributed soon.

Annual Luncheon on November 14, 2026 - Aladdin Shrine Center, Grove City, OH.

2027 Snowbird set for February 26-27, 2027, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Rooms are \$153 plus \$10 overnight parking fee. Will continue to look at other venues for the future. This location treats us very well.

Reminder: events, news and other information can be found on our websites. Trooper to Trooper has up-to-date information and also provides links to other sites that are beneficial to everyone.

Good of the Order:

Thanked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dale LaRue for bringing the vintage cars down from the Cleveland Police Museum. Dale thanked everyone who helped driving them to Columbus. The drivers were: Dale LaRue, Lou and Deb Gliozzi, Jim Chapman, Lee Dehoff, Steve Sadowski, and Jim Traynor & Kevin Campbell with the Cleveland Police Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Motion accepted – Dave Peters  
Second – Pam Sullivan

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association  
Treasurer's Report  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Business Meeting  
June 5, 2026

#3783	Checking Account (.05%)		\$	111.29
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	18,649.52
	CD Total (3.25%)		\$	77,348.90
	*Anniversary Checking Account (.05%)		\$	619.77
	<b>OSHPRA Regular Account Total</b>	<b>#3783 Total</b>	\$	96,734.48
<b>#5643 OSHPRA Benevolent Account</b>				
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	5.00
	Blue Max Savings (2%)		\$	3,573.92
	12 Month CD (3.25%)	5/5/2027	\$	7,136.19
	<b>OSHPRA Benevolent Account Total</b>	<b>#5643 Total</b>	\$	10,715.11
<b>#6708 O. W. Merrell Award Account</b>				
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	1,553.22
	12 Month CD (3.25%)	5/13/2027	\$	4,850.22
	<b>O. W. Merrell Award Account Total</b>	<b>#6708 Total</b>	\$	6,403.44
<b>#6822 Chiramonte Humanitarian Award Account</b>				
	Regular Savings (.05%)		\$	751.71
	12 Month CD (3.25%)	5/13/2027	\$	4,850.22
	12 Month CD (3.25%)	5/13/2027	\$	1,215.86
	<b>Chiramonte Humanitarian Award Account Total</b>	<b>#6822 Total</b>	\$	6,817.79
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>				
			\$	121,370.82
<b>*Anniversary Account is NOT part of regular monies</b>				
			-\$	619.77
			\$	120,751.05

Report prepared with all statements through 5/31/2026  
and all other available information through 6/1/2026.