Nev. retirement board to appeal pension records release

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CARSON CITY — The state retirement board voted Tuesday to appeal a judge's order requiring it to release the names and pension information of tens of thousands of retired public workers.

The Public Employees Retirement System board, after meeting briefly in a closed session, agreed unanimously in a public vote to appeal the case to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Chris Nielsen, the board's general counsel, said the legal issues go beyond the suit filed against PERS by conservative group Nevada Policy Research Institute, and the high court could provide "black and white guidance" on how to balance confidentiality statutes and public information.

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