

**NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Newton City Hall, Room 204**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Thomas Lopez, Anthony Logalbo, Kelly Byrne, Stephen Curley, Barbara O'Brien, Scenia Saintcyr, Deirdre Walsh, and Assistant City Solicitor/Retirement Board Counsel Kristen Annunziato

**NOT PRESENT:** Lisa Maloney, Esq.

**GUESTS:** Attorney Kathleen Kiely-Becchetti, Counsel for Lisa Mikoleit, Lisa Mikoleit, and Margaret Oliver, stenographer from Copley Reporting

*Kelly Byrne participated remotely via Zoom software as her physical attendance at the meeting was deemed unreasonably difficult. All votes were taken by roll call vote.*

**RECORD:** Record in minutes Chairman Lopez announced that the purpose of this meeting was to hold an evidentiary hearing regarding Police Officer Lisa Mikoleit's application for disability retirement.

Chairman Lopez stated that although it was the Board's understanding that City Counsel, representing the Newton Police Department, would attend this hearing, City Counsel submitted draft proposed findings, in lieu of attendance, to Board Counsel and Attorney Kathleen Kiely-Becchetti at 10:30 p.m. on April 16, 2024. Chairman Lopez opined that this late submission, which the Board members received this morning, does not allow the parties reasonable time for review in preparation for the hearing.

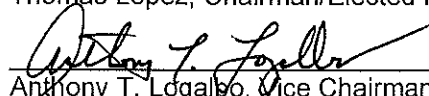
**VOTED:** Record in minutes a motion was made and seconded to postpone the Mikoleit evidentiary hearing, to a date certain. After receiving permission from Chairman Lopez and stating that she reviewed the draft proposed findings, Attorney Kathleen Kiely-Becchetti requested permission to comment on City Counsel's draft proposed findings. Due to the untimely receipt of the City's 42-page submission, Chairman Lopez respectfully requested that Attorney Kiely-Becchetti not comment at this time. The Board voted on an amended motion, by a vote of 4-0, to postpone the evidentiary hearing to the Board's monthly meeting scheduled for May 28, 2024.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted, by a vote of 4-0, to adjourn at 10:09 a.m.

Signed:



Thomas Lopez, Chairman/Elected Member



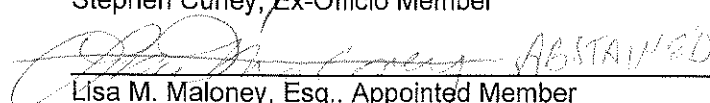
Anthony T. Logalbo, Vice Chairman/Mayoral Appointee



Kelly Byrne, Elected Member



Stephen Curley, Ex-Officio Member



Lisa M. Maloney, Esq., Appointed Member