

**NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Newton City Hall, Room 211**  
**Agenda**

**New Agenda Items:**

1. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held August 28, 2024
2. Board to review executive session minutes of meeting held August 28, 2024
3. Maureen Murphy – Needham Bill Waiver Request
4. Dori Zaleznik – Motion for Reconsideration
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**Administrative Agenda Items:**

6. Monthly financial reporting for month ending July 2024
7. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet
8. New application(s) for superannuation & termination retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Mark Ferguson	Heavy Equipment Operator	DPW	9/30/24
Raquel Salas	Teacher Aide	School	10/01/24
Ruth Hoshino	Director of School Health Services	Health & Human Services	9/27/24

9. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # 21-24	09-25-2024	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 90,902.70
Warrant # 22-24	09-25-2024	09/30/2024 Contributory pension payroll	\$ 4,149,939.92
Warrant # C8-24	09-25-2024	Federal Tax	\$ 5,589.92
Warrant # 23-24	09-25-2024	3rd Quarter 2024 Staff salary expense	\$ 72,775.49

**Pending Agenda Items:**

1. Scott Perella –5 year repayment plan; oral agreement with member to mail payment on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month- due to change in terms repayment to be completed by May 2029.
2. Elected Officials – 9/17/24 letter to PERAC seeking clarification regarding refunds due to members
3. Transfer \$11,250,000 to the PRIT Core Fund effective 10/1/24 and 11/1/24
4. Employee Handbook
5. Pre-employment physicals update: email received from Michelle Pizzi O'Brien dated 9/6/24; meeting with Human Resources scheduled for 9/25/24
6. Letters to 2023 post-retirement employment over earners and plans to pursue a meeting with the City to develop a process for monitoring post-retirement employment in the future.
7. Notice to all active members re: Veterans' Buyback Changes as reflected in PERAC Memo #23 2024
8. 1/1/24 Actuarial Valuation Report – returned to Segal on 8/29/24 for correction of typographical errors
9. Current status of pending appeal cases – The Board may enter Executive Session for reason 3 under G.L. c.30A s.21 ("To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares")

Petitioner	Docket#	Most Recent Status
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	DALA hearing held 9/12/21;5/17/22 recvd DALA decision -NRB's decision which was based on PERAC's directive/ approach re Shift Substitution was reversed.5/31/22 PERAC appealed DALA's decision;9/13/22 CRAB granted a 90 day extension with a filing date on or before 12/21/22 to the member's counsel,Atty Hynes; Member filed response on 12/21/22; Member's counsel requested a status update on 7/17/24;7/19/24 CRAB confirmed that a decision is pending

Richard Metro	CR-20-0237	5/19/20 Mr. Metro appealed denial of \$300/yr. veteran's benefit. 2/1/22 Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Metro by DALA. Metro filed reply w/ DALA on 2/7/22;3/18/22 recvd DALA's final decision-Dismissal;3/23/22 recvd CRAB's Receipt of Notice of Richard Metro's Objection to DALA dismissal. 8/22/24 Board Counsel requested an update from CRAB; <b>9/3/24 CRAB issued Offer of conditional dismissal to Mr. Metro</b>
Kimberley Vanaman	CR-22-0180	5/16/22 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Vanaman is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.2/28/23 recvd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24;3/29/24 recvd Petitioner's Pre-Hearing Submission; 4/5/24 Board Counsel objected to request for a hearing and filed a motion to compel a response to NRB's Written Submission; Hearing scheduled for 10/22/24
Paula Fallon	CR-22-0200	5/25/22 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Fallon is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.;4/05/23 recvd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24; 3/29/24 recvd Petitioner's Pre-Hearing Submission; 4/5/24 Board Counsel objected to request for a hearing and filed a motion to compel a response to NRB's Written Submission; Hearing scheduled for 10/22/24
Elizabeth Whittum	CR-22-0211	6/7/22 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Whittum is appealing the calculation of her creditable service; 4/10/23 recvd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24; 3/29/24 recvd Petitioner's Pre-Hearing Submission; 4/5/24 Board Counsel objected to request for a hearing and filed a motion to compel a response to NRB's Written Submission; Hearing scheduled for 10/22/24
Edith Goethals	CR-22-0248	7/1/22 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Goethals is appealing the calculation of her creditable service;4/28/23 recvd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24; 3/29/24 recvd Petitioner's Pre-Hearing Submission; 4/5/24 Board Counsel objected to request for a hearing and filed a motion to compel a response to NRB's Written Submission; Hearing scheduled for 10/22/24
Lee Gilliam	CR-23-0039	1/25/23 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Mr. Gilliam is appealing the NRB's decision in connection with his Ordinary Disability Retirement;5/8/23 recvd First Pre-Hearing Order; 10/25/23 Opposing Counsel filed parties' joint pre-hearing memo;10/27/23 DALA granted parties' joint motion to join PERAC as additional party;7/17/24 DALA confirmed the case is awaiting the scheduling of a hearing date; <b>9/17/24 Received DALA's Notice of Hearing scheduled for 12/18/24</b>
Jeremy Wilson	CR-24-0294	5/20/24 recvd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Officer Wilson is appealing the NRB's denial of his accidental disability retirement application; 5/29/24 recvd DALA Scheduling Order, Petitioner's Pre-Hearing Memorandum due 8/23/24, NRB submission due 10/10/24; 8/20/24 Petitioner submitted his pre-hearing memorandum

**Director's Report :**

- Update on Employee Self Service, Scanning, Scanning Project & Notice of Deposits
- Volunteers/Hosting Senior or Veteran Property Tax Work-Off participants

**Correspondence:**

- PERAC Memo #24 2024 Tobacco Company List

**Next scheduled retirement board meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.**

*NOTE: The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Items identified for discussion in Executive Session may be conducted in open session, in addition to or in lieu of discussion in Executive Session. A motion to convene an Executive Session may be entertained during the meeting. Meetings are open to the public and will be held in the designated meeting room in Newton City Hall. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting: [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), dial 711.*