

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
Room 211 – Newton City Hall

Agenda Items:

1. Board to review minutes of meeting held on February 20, 2019.
2. Board to conduct a public hearing to determine retiree FY2020 COLA.
3. Member survivor section 12(2)(d) benefit to Julie Plaut Mahoney, daughter and Option D beneficiary of Linda Plaut, Parks and Recreation Dept., who died February 17, 2019.
4. Member survivor section 12B benefit to legal guardian of Alexa Azure, daughter and Option D beneficiary of Darrell Azure, Engineering Dept., who died February 19, 2019. Alexa's legal guardian is her mother, Brenda Azure.
5. Member survivor section 101 benefit to Enis Piselli, widow of ADR retiree Lawrence Piselli, who died on March 4, 2019.
6. New Human Resource Director, Michelle O'Brien, to attend meeting to introduce herself.
7. Receipt of an Involuntary Accidental Disability Retirement Application filed by Chief Bruce Proia on behalf of FF Annie French. Chief Proia will attend today's meeting.
8. Receipt of an Accidental Disability Retirement Application filed by Atty. Paul Hynes on behalf of Fire Captain Salvatore Yerardi.
9. Receipt of three single physician medical panel reports as submitted by Drs. Kahn, Lurie and Rater in connection with retired FF James Herbert's application for accidental disability retirement. Mr. Herbert is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes, who will not be attending today's meeting.
10. Accidental death benefit application submitted by Lorraine Chappelle, widow of George Chappelle, ADR retiree who died January 18, 2019.

Administrative Items:

1. Stephan Georgacopoulos from Pension Technology Group (PTG) will attend meeting to discuss possible pension payroll conversion. Joe Mulvey and Bob Moss from City's IT Dept.; and Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer will also attend meeting.
2. Conference call to John White from Tyler Technologies to discuss City's transition to the MUNIS payroll software product in January 2020 and address questions concerning pension payroll transition. Joe Mulvey and Bob Moss from City's IT Dept.; and Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer will also attend meeting.
3. Monthly financial reporting for months ending 12/31/18 and 1/31/19.
4. 12/31/18 PERAC Annual Statement review and approval.
5. Calendar year 2019 projected administrative expense to be submitted to Segal Consulting in connection with the 1/1/19 actuarial valuation.
6. Retirement deductions withheld from firefighter OT shift differential.
7. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
Thomas Cahill	Aquatics Manager	Recreation	4/30/2019

8. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# C2-19	3/28/2019	Federal Tax Deposit Funding re: Member Account Disb.	\$ 9,485.67
Warrant# 5-19	3/28/2019	Administrative Expense/Member Account Disb.	\$ 269,401.98
Warrant# 6-19	3/28/2019	3/31/19 Contributory Pension Payroll	\$3,397,848.06

Pending Agenda Items:

1. CRAB decision *PERAC v. CRAB, Swampscott Retirement Board & Vernava*, 478 Mass. 832 (2018). Held pending outcome of lawsuit filed against PERAC.
2. Retired Police Chief Cummings pension recalculation. Held pending resolution of back pay issued by City of Newton.
3. Current status of pending disability retirement application(s):

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
James Herbert	Fire (retired)	See agenda item #8
Cheryl Jasset	School Custodian	Staff are collecting medical records.

4. Current status of pending appeal cases - **informational only:**

Petitioner	Docket#	Current Status
Steven Caissie	CR-16-579	Board voted 1/25/2017 to withdraw appeal and join Atty. Poser's appeal as a participating party. Atty. Poser filed Joint Pre-Hearing Memorandum with DALA on 9/13/2018.
Mark Colantonio	CR-16-274	Pending DALA decision - hearing was held on 11/20/2017.
Jeanne Layton	CR-12-527 CR-17-205	DALA approved Board's appeal 7/21/2017. State Retirement Board appealed to CRAB 7/25/2017. Board counsel filed motion to dismiss on State Ret. Bd. issue only 9/29/2018). State Retirement Board filed special legislation H33 on 1/23/2017 to direct group classification of prior service by retirement board member is retiring from. Newton filed "Board's Status Report" with DALA on 5/22/2018.
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	Board filed motion to add PERAC as necessary party on 1/10/2018. Motion approved 1/12/2018.
Julie Kelly	CR-18-0581	Notice of appeal from DALA on 10/22/2018.

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: April 24, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. in Room 211

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.

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