NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD Meeting - - October 23, 2019 3:00 p.m. - Room 211, Newton City Hall

PRESENT:

Kimberly Fletcher, Thomas Lopez, Paul Bianchi, Susan Dzikowski, Anthony Logalbo, Kelly Byrne, Scentia Saintcyr, Donna Cadman and Deputy City Solicitor/Retirement Board Counsel Marie Lawlor.

VOTED:

Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2019.

VOTED:

Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the Involuntary Accidental Disability Retirement application, as submitted by (retired) Fire Chief Bruce Proia, on behalf of Firefighter Annie French, pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §§7 and 16.

RECORD:

Record in minutes board and staff who attended the Fall 2019 MACRS conference in Springfield, MA, from September 29 to October 2, 2019, provided an update on the conference.

RECORD:

Record in minutes the board discussed the current status of the contract for outside legal counsel and determined the contract to expire with Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, LLP on September 30, 2020 and to begin a new RFP process about six months prior to that date.

VOTED:

Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the following application(s) for superannuation retirement pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §5. Retirement Board staff has verified that the necessary paperwork is in order and has determined all applicant(s) to be eligible for such benefits:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
James Sbordone	Lieutenant	Fire	10/13/2019
Linda Stanton	Teacher Aide	School	11/30/2019

VOTED:

Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# 20-19	10/24/2019	Administrative Expense/Member Account Disb.	\$\$	92,773.86
Warrant# 21-19	10/30/2019	10/31/19 Contributory Pension Payroll		,530,448.99

RECORD:

Record in minutes Director Byrne provided an update on outstanding State Retirement System Section 3(8)(c) documentation; actuarial valuation matters; PTG pension payroll conversion; outstanding retiree affidavit status; and status of additional back pay due retiree Matthew Cummings from City of Newton.

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RECORD:

Record in minutes the Board instructed board counsel, Atty. Marie Lawlor, to file a motion to dismiss in the matter of *Julie Kelly, Petitioner v. Newton Retirement Board, Respondent* CR-18-0581.

RECORD:

Record in minutes the following have been enrolled as new member(s) of the Newton Retirement System since the last monthly Board meeting:

Last Name	First Name	Department	Position	
			Economic Develop	
Bailin	Devra	Planning	Director	
Bieg	Anika	Assessing	Appraisal Technician	
Bray	Mary Ann	Health	School Nurse	
Breslouf	Jennifer	City Clerk	Compliance Coordinator	
Furlong	Stefanie	School	Teacher Aide	
Hatfield	Mark	Police	Police Officer	
Не	Jennifer	Library	Accessibility Librarian	
Hill	Shemeka	Public Works	Customer Service	
Magno	Michelle	School	Teacher Aide	
Martinez	Katherine	Public Works	Accounting Assistant	
Najarian	Michelle	School	Administrative Assistant	
Oneil	Megan	Treasury	Parking Clerk	
Sheehan	Angela	School	Teacher Aide	
Shekoni	Toyin	School	Teacher Aide	
Sohn	Daniel	Police	Police Officer	
Vemparala	Phanivasanti	School	Teacher Aide	

Signed:

Kimberly A. Fletgher Chair/Appointed Member

Thomas Lopez, Vice Chair/Elected Member

Susan Dzikowski, Ex-Officio Member

Paul Bianchi, Elected Member

Anthony T. Logalbo Mayoral Appointee