

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.
Planning Conference Room #B17 – Newton City Hall

New Agenda Items:

1. Discussion regarding the position of Vice Chairman on the Board.
2. Board to review minutes of meeting held on January 22, 2020.
3. Board to conduct a public hearing to determine FY2021 retiree COLA.
4. Accidental disability retirement application submitted by Atty. Michael Kantrovitz on behalf of Diane DeLuca, School Custodian.

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending December 31, 2019.
2. Projected 2020 administrative expense (to provide Actuary).
3. FY2021 Newton Retirement System budget.
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
Daniel Almeida	ABA Supervisor	School	2/21/2020
Robert Barbato	Lieutenant	Fire	3/31/2020
Kathleen Brearley	Bookkeeper	Parks & Recreation	2/28/2020

5. ***Re-vote:** Warrant #2-20, dated 1/27/20, Pension payroll expense - \$3,518,839.85 (increase of \$253.87).
6. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# C1-20	2/27/2020	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	\$ 8,166.05
Warrant# 3-20	2/27/2020	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 913,714.77
Warrant# 4-20	2/27/2020	2/29/2020 Contributory Pension Payroll	\$ 3,545,173.52

7. Office security.
8. Director update: Pending MTRS transfer requests, 12/31/19 PERAC Annual Statement and 1/1/20 actuarial valuation progress.

Pending Agenda Items:

1. Current status of pending disability/accidental death retirement application(s):

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
Freddie Elmeus	Fire (ret.)	PERAC has scheduled exams on 2/4/20, 2/7/20 and 2/12/20.
James Thorne	Fire (ret.)	PERAC approval issued on 2/18/20.

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

Petitioner	Docket#	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. Hearing held 8/1/19. DALA decision upholding NRB decision 2/7/20. PERAC appealed to CRAB 2/19/20.
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	Board filed motion to add PERAC as necessary party on 1/10/2018. Motion approved 1/12/2018. DALA issued "First Pre-Hearing Order" on 6/25/19.

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: March 25, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m. in Room #B17

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