

**NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 211 – Newton City Hall**



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**New Agenda Items:**

1. Discussion regarding the position of Chair on the Board.
2. Board to review minutes of meeting held on December 18, 2019.
3. Receipt of three medical panel certificates as submitted by Drs. D'Silva, Tisdale and McCloy in connection with (ret.) Deputy Fire Chief James Thorne's application for accidental disability retirement. Deputy Chief Thorne is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes who will not be attending today's meeting.
4. Kathy Riley of Segal to attend the meeting to begin discussion on the 1/1/20 actuarial valuation of the Newton Retirement System.

**Administrative Agenda Items:**

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending November 30, 2019.
2. Calendar year 2020 meeting schedule amendment request to change 5/27/20 meeting date to 5/20/20.
3. Schedule public hearing for determining the FY21 retiree COLA (must give 30 day's notice).
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
Robert DeRubeis	Commissioner	Parks & Recreation	2/14/2020
Cheryl Lappin	Council Member	City Council	12/31/2019
Karen Valente	Payroll Administrator	Fire	2/28/2020
Carol Winters	Assistant Treasurer	Treasury	12/31/2019

5. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# 1-20	1/23/2020	Administrative expense/member account disb.	\$ 256,422.41
Warrant# 2-20	1/27/2020	1/31/2020 Contributory Pension Payroll	\$ 3,519,561.87

6. Director update: PTG payroll conversion.

**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. Non-compliant 2018 annual earnings statement filing with PERAC: Loretta King - pension suspended eff. 8/31/19. **PERAC notification on 1/9/20 Ms. King is compliant.**
3. 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.

4. 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.
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. CRAB decision dated 5/20/19 issued. State Ret. Bd. filed "Motion for Reconsideration" on 6/20/19. <b>Motion DENIED 1/8/20.</b>
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: February 26, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m. in Room #B17.**

*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*

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