

**NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**Meeting - - October 21, 2020 (3:00 p.m.)**

The Newton Retirement Board conducted this meeting as a virtual meeting using ZOOM software link: <https://zoom.us/j/95762423054?pwd=a0RmWXFVMDJJeGhVcnN3eU10SWtadz09>  
All votes were taken by roll call vote.

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

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2020.

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RECORD: Record in minutes Atty. Matthew Feeney of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane LLP (MHTL) attended the meeting to introduce himself. The Board recently renewed their five-year contract with MHTL for outside legal counsel services.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to declare Thomas Lopez to be the sole candidate who submitted certified nomination papers for the 1st Elected Member position on the Board and will serve a (3) three-year term commencing December 13, 2020.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to interview the two qualified candidates who submitted resumes for the 5<sup>th</sup> member position on the Board at their next meeting to be held on November 18, 2020.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to accept the accidental disability retirement application as submitted by Officer Richard Clements pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §7 and to petition PERAC to schedule three medical panel examinations via teleconference or in-person, based on Officer Clements preference. Based on the cause of the personal injury, a distracted driver, the Board asked Board Counsel to determine whether the provisions of G.L. c. 32, §14A (third party recovery) could be applicable.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve School Custodian Diane DeLuca's application for accidental disability retirement pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §7.

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RECORD: Record in minutes Maureen LeMieux, Chief Financial Officer; Michelle Pizzi O'Brien, HR Director; and Ginger Hastings, HR Benefits Consultant, attended the meeting to discuss retiree health insurance administration. Specifically discussed were areas of concern relating to the customer service and benefits administration of retiree insurance benefits and how the City plans to improve the future administration of these benefits.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the 8/31/2020 monthly financial reporting packet (trial balance, related journals, MMDT/Eastern bank statements/reconciliation/ outstanding check list, asset allocation, expense budget to actual comparison and cash flow forecast) as prepared by Director Byrne.

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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
Subhasri Gangopadhyay	Teacher Aide	School	10/17/2020
Evelyn Hatcher	Teacher Aide	School	9/24/2020
David Rukhelman	Sec. 8 Administrator	Newton Housing Authority	12/31/2020

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

Warrant# C8-20	10/22/2020	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	\$ 1,658.36
Warrant# 20-20	10/22/2020	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 159,950.72
Warrant# 21-20	10/27/2020	10/31/2020 Contributory Pension Payroll	\$3,693,874.86

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

*[See attached excel spreadsheet]*

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Signed:

*Thomas Lopez / KB*  
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 Thomas Lopez, Chairman/Elected Member

*Anthony T. Logalbo / KB*  
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 Anthony T. Logalbo, Vice Chairman/Mayoral Appointee

*Paul Bianchi / KB*  
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 Paul Bianchi, Elected Member

*Susan Dzikowski / KB*  
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 Susan Dzikowski, Ex-Officio Member

*Kimberly A. Fletcher / KB*  
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 Kimberly A. Fletcher, Appointed Member

New members enrolled since September 16, 2020 meeting:

Last Name	First Name	Department	Position
Babahan	Stas	School	Teacher Aide
Brackett	Casey	School	Custodian
Burrige	Mary	School	Teacher Aide
Cardoso	Alisha	Public Works	Payroll Specialist
Caruso	Rebecca	School	Teacher Aide
Davis	Shaylyn	Planning	Planner
Ellis	James	School	Director of ABA Services
Griffin	Gina	School	Board Cert. Behavior Analyst
Johnson	Aaron	School	Tech. Support Specialist
Joseph	Karine	School	Teacher Aide
Laskey	Mark	School	Teacher Aide
Lawlor	Alexandra	Newton Housing	Rental Housing Coordinator
Marzouk	Adel	School	Custodian
McConnell	Greta	Law	Paralegal
McDermott	Teresa	School	Teacher Aide
McKechnie	Sara	School	Board Cert. Behavior Analyst
Murphy	Kathleen	Parks & Recreation	Head Bookkeeper
Nixon	Monika	School	Executive Assistant
Norcross	Meghan	School	Teacher Aide
Pilipovic-Wengler	Nevena	Planning	Community Engagement Specialist
Porter	Valerie	School	Teacher Aide
Reyes	Charlene	Newton Housing	Administrative Assistant
Rotondo	Melissa	School	Teacher Aide
Rutherford	Kimberly	School	Executive Assistant
Standley	Samantha	School	Teacher Aide
Talarico	Marisa	School	Teacher Aide
Tavassoli	Maryam	School	Teacher Aide