## **NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Location: Newton City Hall, Room #B15

The Newton Retirement Board will also conduct this meeting virtually via ZOOM software.

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## **New Agenda Items:**

- 1. Board to review minutes of meetings held on October 19, 2021.
- 2. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates as prepared by Drs. Honig, Hoffer and McCunney in connection with school custodian Albert Zellman's application for accidental disability retirement. Mr. Zellman is represented by Atty. Michael Kantrovitz.
- 3. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates as prepared by Drs. Golberg, Linson and Peters in connection with Fire Lt. Christopher Jenkins application for accidental disability retirement. Lt. Jenkins is represented by Atty. Paul T. Hynes.

## Administrative Agenda Items:

- 1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending September 30, 2021.
- 2. COVID testing/vaccination policy discussion.

3. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

| Member             | Position                   | Dept.  | DOR        |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Beverly Fei        | Teacher Aide               | School | 10/21/2021 |
| Marcelino Renderos | Motor Equipment Repairman  | DPW    | 1/7/2022   |
| Charles Tarabelli  | Custodian                  | School | 12/31/2021 |
| Paul Thea          | WF Water Service Connector | DPW    | 1/4/2022   |

4. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

| Warrant# C10-21 | 11/24/2021 | Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements | \$   | 19,207.25    |
|-----------------|------------|--|------|--------------|
| Warrant# 22-21  | 11/24/2021 | Administrative expense/member account disbursements          | \$   | 139,042.77   |
| Warrant# 23-21  | 11/26/2021 | 11/30/2021 Contributory pension payroll                      | \$ 3 | 3,729,763.88 |

## **Pending Agenda Items:**

- 1. Pension overpayment issued to Dorothy O'Neil recoupment process is being implemented.
- 2. Current status of pending disability retirement applications informational only:

| Applicant            | Dept.       | Current Status                                    |
|----------------------|-------------|---|
| Francis X. Foley III | Police      | Exams scheduled for 9/9/21, 9/27/21 & 11/2/21.    |
| James DeMeo          | Fire        | Pending exam scheduling by PERAC.                 |
| John Schroeder       | Fire        | Staff are collecting medical records.             |
| Scott Perella        | School      | Exams scheduled for 11/2/21, 11/10/21 & 11/13/21. |
| Kevin Fitzgerald     | (ret.) Fire | Staff are collecting medical records.             |

3. Current status of pending appeal cases - informational only:

| Petitioner     | Docket#                | Most Recent Status   |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Jeanne Layton  | CR-12-527<br>CR-17-205 | CRAB decision dated 5/20/19. State Ret. Bd. filed motion for reconsideration - motion was denied. <i>Board counsel filed motion for expedited hearing</i> on 11/18/21. |
| Steven Caissie | CR-16-579              | 2/19/20 PERAC appealed DALA decision to CRAB.  |
| Paul Giunta    | CR-20-0291             | 7/8/20 Mr. Giunta appealed denial of \$300/yr. veteran's benefit.  |
| Edward Murphy  | CR-17-724              | DALA hearing held 9/12/21.   |
| Richard Metro  | CR-20-0237             | 5/19/20 Mr. Metro appealed denial of \$300/yr. veteran's benefit.  |
| Cheri Zunick   | CR-21-0096             | 3/17/21 Ms. Zunick (teacher aide) appealed calculation of her creditable service.  |

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. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting: <a href="mailto:jtairley@newtonma.gov">jtairley@newtonma.gov</a> or 617-796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), dial 711.