

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD
Meeting - - November 23, 2021 (9:00 a.m.)
Conference Room #B15, Newton City Hall

NOTE: This meeting was held both in-person and virtually using ZOOM software link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95762423054?pwd=a0RmWXFVMDJJeGhVcnN3eU10SWtadz09>

PRESENT: Thomas Lopez, Anthony Logalbo, Paul Bianchi, Susan Dzikowski, Lisa Maione, Esq., Kelly Byrne, Scenia Saintcy, Deirdre Walsh 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 October 19, 2021.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the accidental disability retirement application submitted by Atty. Michael Kantrovitz on behalf of school custodian Albert Zellmann, pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §7.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the accidental disability retirement application submitted by Atty. Paul T. Hynes on behalf of Fire Lt. Christopher Jenkins pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §§7 & 94.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the 9/30/2021 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.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board discussed a Covid-19 vaccination policy for both office and board meeting operations. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, not to adopt a vaccination policy for Board members or staff, but to continue with current safety protocols for office operations and Board meetings, to continue to adhere to current guidelines consistent with those of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and to re-evaluate the current practice as needed to maintain unanimous agreement among the Board as to membership, staff and Board member safety.

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
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

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, 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	\$3,728,434.41*

Note: 11/23/21 docket was posted with payroll total of \$3,729,763.88, this amount changed due to retiree deaths since posting.


RECORD: Record in minutes Director Byrne provided a status update on PERAC's audit for the period of 2015-2018.

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
Acheson	Julie	Assessing	Data Control Specialist
Besaw	Rachel	School	Teacher Aide
Damon-Goodman	Julia	School	Teacher Aide
Giunta	Lisa	Engineering	Design Engineer
LaBarr	Kevin	School	Custodian
Marascia	David	Public Works	Laborer
Nufer	Lauren	School	Admin Asst
Parker	James	Public Works	HMEO
Sasso	Angela	School	Admin Asst
Taraj	Ermal	Financial Svcs.	Senior Financial Analyst

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted, by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.


Signed:



 Thomas Lopez, Chairman/Elected Member



 Anthony T. Logalbo, Vice Chairman/Mayoral Appointee



 Paul Bianchi, Elected Member



 Susan Dzikowski, Ex-Officio Member



 Lisa M. Maloney, Esq., Appointed Member