

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

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New Agenda Items:

1. City Clerk, Carol Moore, to swear in new Ex-Officio Member of the Newton Retirement Board, Stephen Curley.
2. Board to review minutes of meeting held on December 21, 2021.
3. Board to review minutes of meeting held on January 5, 2022.
4. Receipt of member survivor allowance application, pursuant to MGL Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d), from Lisa M. Whelan, widow of Paul M. Whelan, DPW employee who died on 12/11/2021.
5. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates in connection with (retired) Police Lt. Francis X. Foley's application for ordinary disability retirement pursuant to MGL Chapter 32, Section 6. Lt. Foley is represented by Atty. Alan Shapiro.
6. Kathy Riley of Segal to attend meeting to discuss 1/1/2022 actuarial valuation of the Newton Retirement System.

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Board to discuss retiree COLA base.
2. Monthly financial reporting for month ending November 30, 2021.
3. Board to discuss Director transition.
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

| Member | Position | Dept. | DOR |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Kevin Castellanos | Firefighter | Fire | 1/5/2022 |
| Georgina Flannery | Public Services Librarian | Library | 2/28/2022 |
| Kenneth Greenwood | Asst. Assessor | Assessing | 2/2/2022 |
| Jean Holmblad | Youth Services Librarian | Library | 1/6/2022 |
| Gesnele Porcena | Laborer | DPW | 1/4/2022 |
| Mary Walsh Rines | Account Specialist | Planning | 1/18/2022 |

5. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

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| Warrant# 1-22 | 1/12/2022 | Administrative expense/member account disbursements | \$ 9,034.66 |
| Warrant# 2-22 | 1/27/2022 | 1/31/2022 Contributory pension payroll | \$ 3,757,172.02 |

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 |
|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Christopher Jenkins | Fire | PERAC approved on 12/23/21. |
| Albert Zellmann | School | PERAC approved on 12/17/21. |
| Scott Perella | School | Pending PERAC approval. |
| James DeMeo | Fire | Exams scheduled for 12/14/21, 12/18/21 & 12/22/21. |
| John Schroeder | Fire | Staff are collecting medical records. |
| 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 CR-17-205 | CRAB decision dated 5/20/19. State Ret. Bd. filed motion for reconsideration - motion was denied. Board counsel filed motion to withdraw appeal as State has filed a letter with NRB certifying Layton's group 2 status. |
| 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 | 12/6/21 DALA request for First Pre-Hearing Order filed. |

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

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: jfairley@newtonma.gov or 617-796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), dial 711.