

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

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

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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:

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.