

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 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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Meeting ID: 957 6242 3054

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New Agenda Items:

1. Board to review minutes of meeting held on February 22, 2022.
2. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates in connection with Firefighter Jon Schroeder application for accidental disability retirement pursuant to MGL Chapter 32, Sections 7. Firefighter Schroeder is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes.

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending January 31, 2022.
2. PERAC Annual Statement for December 31, 2021.
3. Board to discuss matter relating to continuation of conducting meeting via ZOOM Software.
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	DOR
Lawrence Bianchi	Transportation Clerk	DPW	3/31/22
Gino Lucchetti	Chief	Fire	5/10/22
Elizabeth Purcell	Asst. Supervisor Public Svc Program	Library	5/1/22
Nils A. Anderson	Police Officer/Detective	Police	4/30/22

5. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant# C2-22	3/23/2022	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	\$1,406.49
Warrant# 6-22	3/23/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$227,780.01
Warrant# 7-22	3/23/2022	3/31/2022 Contributory pension payroll	\$3,772,616.22
Warrant#8-22	3/23/2022	1 st Quarter 2022 Staff salary expense	\$108,940.03

Pending Agenda Items:

1. Pension overpayment issued to Dorothy O'Neil – recoupment process is being implemented.
2. 1/24/22 letter to Mayor Fuller regarding proper documentation of employee pre-employment physicals.
3. 1/1/22 actuarial valuation – add data has been submitted to actuary.
4. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only:**

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
James Demeo	Fire	Pending PERAC review/approval
Lee Gilliam	Fire	Board Staff is in process of collecting Medical Records
Kevin Fitzgerald	(ret.) Fire	Exams scheduled for 2/19/22, 2/22/22 & 3/28/22

5. Current status of pending appeal cases - **informational only:**

Petitioner	Docket#	Most Recent Status
Paul Giunta	CR-20-0291	3/1/22 DALA issued Order to Show Cause by 4/4/22 in response to Mr. Giunta's appeal for \$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. 2/1/22 Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Metro by DALA. Metro filed reply w/ DALA on 2/7/22.
Cheri Zunick	CR-21-0096	3/17/21 Ms. Zunick (teacher aide) appealed calculation of her creditable service. 2/7/22 Ms. Zunick filed withdrawal of appeal via email to DALA; pending DALA confirmation

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: **Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. (actuarial review)**

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.