

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

Agenda

New Agenda Items:

1. Receipt of an accidental disability retirement application from Fire Captain William J. Bianco, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 7 & 94. Member's Application, Treating Physician Statement and Employer's Statement have all been received. Captain Bianco is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes
2. Assistant City Solicitor Jaclyn Zawada, potential internal candidate for Board Counsel, is attending this month's board meeting for the purpose of meeting the Retirement Board staff and members and Board Counsel succession plan discussion.
3. Board to review and discuss draft Supplementary Regulations – tabled from 6/21/22 meeting.
4. Deputy Director and Administrative Assistant pay increases effective July 1, 2022
5. Deputy Director – Re-evaluation of vacation time based on total creditable service
6. Newton Retirement Board's Election by Declaration pursuant to 840 CMR 7.05 for the term September 10, 2022 – September 9, 2025-One candidate, Kelly Byrne, returned nomination papers by the due date. 20 Signatures were verified by Retirement Board staff.
7. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held on June 21, 2022.
8. Discussion regarding Board members providing signatures on all Pension Technology Group (PTG) warrants: retirees' monthly payroll warrants, monthly vendor payment warrants and when applicable, death warrants.
9. Discussion re: PERAC MEMO # 19, 2022 Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending May 2022.
2. Board to approve new members
3. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Kevin Fitzgerald	Motor Equipment Repair	City	6-24-2022
Janet Greenwald	Teacher Aide	School	6-30-2022
Kimberly Vanaman	ABA Behavioral Therapist	School	6-30-2022
Thomas McCarthy	Patrolman	City	7-06-2022
Christopher Marzilli	Police Captain	City	7-29-2022
Maureen Pursley	School Nurse	City	9-01-2022
Helen Wong	Executive Assistant	School	8-12-2022

4. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # C6-22	7/27/2022	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements (\$769.94) & death refunds (\$11,577.14)	\$ 12,347.08
Warrant # 16-22	7/27/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 382,975.08
Warrant # 17-22	7/27/2022	Death Refunds pursuant to M.G.L. c.32, s.11(2)	\$ 46,308.57
Warrant # 18-22	7/27/2022	7/29/2022 Contributory pension payroll	\$3,945,946.11

Pending Agenda Items:

1. 1/24/22 letter to Mayor Fuller regarding proper documentation of employee pre-employment physicals-Follow up email to Mayor Fuller sent on 6/2/22. Mayor's Office responded that Michelle Pizzi O'Brien, Maureen Lemieux and the Law Dept are working on this matter and asked if they could meet attend the August 23, 2022 Retirement Board meeting.

2. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only:**

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
Lee Gilliam	Fire	Medical appts scheduled for: 6/10/22, 6/18/22 and 6/20/22; 2 out of 3 Medical Panel Certificates received.

3. 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.; 4/26/22 Recv'd DALA's Order of Dismissal
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	DALA hearing held 9/12/21;5/17/22 recvd DALA decision -NRB's decision which was based on PERAC's directive/ approach re Shift Substitution was reversed.5/31/22 PERAC appealed DALA's decision
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;3/18/22 recvd DALA's final decision-Dismissal;3/23/22 recvd CRAB's Receipt of Notice of Richard Metro's Objection to DALA dismissal.
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
Scott Perella	CR-22-0103	3/18/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Mr. Perella is appealing the effective date of his ADR.
Kimberley Vanaman	CR-22-0180	5/16/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Vanaman is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.
Susan Cellucci	CR-22-0199	5/25/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Cellucci is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.
Paula Fallon	CR-22-0200	5/25/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Fallon is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.
Elizabeth Whittum	CR-22-0211	6/7/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Whittum is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.
Edith Goethals	CR-22-0248	7/1/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Goethals is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. -This meeting will be held in Room 204

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.