

**NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Lopez, Anthony Logalbo, Paul Bianchi, Stephen Curley, Lisa Maloney, Esq., Scentia Saintcyr, Deirdre Walsh, Deputy City Solicitor/Retirement Board Counsel Marie Lawlor and Assistant City Solicitor/Retirement Board Counsel Jaclyn Zawada

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to accept the accidental disability retirement application submitted by Atty. Paul T. Hynes on behalf of Fire Captain William J. Bianco, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 7 & 94, and to petition PERAC to convene a regional medical panel.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to acknowledge with appreciation the assignment of Assistant City Solicitor Jaclyn Zawada, as Board Counsel.

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**RECORD:** Record in minutes that the Board discussed the proposed supplementary regulations that were reviewed by Board Counsel Lawlor after being drafted based on a group recommendation pursuant to a meeting held with Chairman Lopez, Board member Maloney, Director O'Brien and Deputy Director Saintcyr.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the draft supplementary regulations as presented and move to PERAC for final approval.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the 3% salary increases effective July 1, 2022, as presented by Director O'Brien, for Deputy Director Scentia Saintcyr and Administrative Assistant Deirdre Walsh and to request clarification from the city as to how an employee's annual salary is converted to weekly salary.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to increase Deputy Director Scentia Saintcyr's vacation from three to four weeks effective immediately due to her prior M.G.L. c.32 experience with other systems.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to declare Kelly Byrne to be the sole candidate who submitted certified nomination papers for the 2nd Elected Member position on the Board and will serve a (3) three-year term commencing September 9, 2022.

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**VOTED:** Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the regular session minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2022.

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**RECORD:** Record in minutes that there was discussion relating to Board members providing signatures on all Pension Technology Group (PTG) warrants: retirees' monthly payroll warrants, monthly vendor payment warrants and when applicable, death warrants. The Board decided to hold off further discussion relating to this matter until the Board meeting scheduled for August 23, 2022 at which time Director O'Brien will be present to explain the process and answer any related questions.

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**RECORD:** Record in minutes that after discussion relating to PERAC MEMO # 19, 2022, Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers, the Board decided to take no action and to continue in-person meetings as voted at the June 21, 2022 Retirement Board meeting.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the May 31, 2022, monthly financial reporting packet (trial balance, related journals, MMDT/Eastern bank statements/MMDT reconciliation, asset allocation, expense budget to actual comparison and cash flow forecast) as prepared by Director O'Brien.

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the acceptance of the following new members:

Last Name	First Name	Group	Date of Membership	Department	Position
King	Olivia	1	06/16/22	School	Teacher Aide
Mann	Emily	1	06/16/22	School	Teacher Aide
Lantion	Rhodora	1	06/13/22	Planning	Fiscal Manager
Garcia Peiroten	Victor	1	06/21/22	Health & Human Serv	Environmental Health Inspect
Ekpong	Stanley	1	06/27/22	I.T.	Network Administrator
Chaparro	Diannelle	1	06/15/22	Newton Housing	Social Worker

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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.	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

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VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, 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

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RECORD: Record in minutes that Chairman Lopez stated that the Mayor's office, in response to the Board's 1/24/2022 and 6/2/2022 correspondence regarding proper documentation of employee pre-employment physicals, confirmed that Michelle Pizzi O'Brien, Maureen Lemieux and the Law Dept. are working on this matter and asked if they could attend the August 23, 2022 Retirement Board meeting.

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RECORD: Record in minutes that Director O'Brien provided the following updates regarding pending disability retirement applications:

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

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RECORD: Record in minutes that Retirement Board Counsel, Attorney Marie Lawlor, provided an update on Edward Murphy's pending appeal case, Docket # CR-17-724, explaining that PERAC has recently requested and was provided with additional time for submitting their brief to the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board (CRAB).


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RECORD: Record in minutes that in response to Board member Logalbo's inquiry, Chairman Lopez confirmed that Attorney Poser's contract has been executed. Board Counsel Marie Lawlor confirmed that in accordance with the Request for Proposals (RFP), Attorney Poser will be used on an as-needed basis and that currently the Board has assigned Attorney Poser to the Lee Gilliam matter.

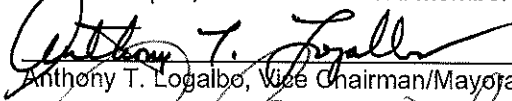
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Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted, by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn at 10:26 AM.

Signed:



Thomas Lopez, Chairman/Elected Member



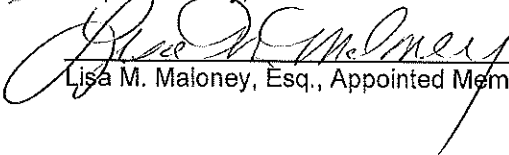
Anthony T. Logalbo, Vice Chairman/Mayoral Appointee



Paul Bianchi, Elected Member



Stephen Curley, Ex-Officio Member



Lisa M. Maloney, Esq., Appointed Member