

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room #B15

Agenda

New Agenda Items:

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1. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held on September 27, 2022
2. Consideration of adopting a "Statement of the Board's Funding Policy principles" (on hold from 9/27/22 meeting)
3. Newton Retirement Board special legislation: Acts 1928 Chapter 355 as amended by Acts 1947 Chapter 528 and Acts 1951 Chapter 614
4. Purchase of additional laptop for Retirement Office Staff (Administrative Assistant)

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending August 2022
2. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet
3. Receipt of request for member survivor allowance pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, s.12(2)(d), from Douglas Simpson, widow of Teacher Aide, Joanne Simpson. who died on July 14, 2022
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Bruce Apotheker	Lieutenant	Police	10-31-22

5. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # C9-22	10/28/2022	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	\$ 4,631.56
Warrant # 24-22	10/28/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 62,850.07
Warrant # 25-22	10/28/2022	10/31/2022 Contributory pension payroll	\$3,924,916.92

Pending Agenda Items:

1. PRIM Portfolio Review – 11/22/22
2. Pre-employment physicals – City's response to Chairman Lopez' request for a written update from the City relating to the process outlined by City of Newton's Chief Financial Officer, Maureen Lemieux, at August 23, 2022 Board meeting; pending response as to the City's availability to attend the November 22, 2022 Board meeting (the City was unable to attend the re-scheduled October Board meeting)
3. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only:**

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
William J. Bianco	Fire	2 out of 3 Medical Panel Certificates/Narratives recvd; 1 Med Panel Certificate/Narrative pending for 3rd Medical Panel appt scheduled for 10/25/22
Andrew Handler	Fire	9/13/22 recvd Member's App for Disability Ret and Treating Physician Stmt; 9/14/22 requested add'l info on Member's App and Treating Physician Stmt from Atty Hynes (pending); Recvd Employer's Stmt
George Claflin	Police	9/27/22 NRB accepted app; 9/27/22 Board Staff began process of collecting Medical Records; 10/24/22 Requested Med Panel Appts
Lee Gilliam	Fire	9/27/22 NRB approved Ord. Dis. App; 9/28/22 Dis Trans. sent to PERAC

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

Petitioner	Docket#	Most Recent Status
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; 9/13/22 CRAB granted a 90 day extension with a filing date on or before 12/21/22 to the member's counsel, Atty Hynes.

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; 10/18/22 DALA advised Board Counsel -No record of receiving withdrawal;10/19/22 recv'd copy of Order To Show Cause from DALA
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, November 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.