

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

Agenda

New Agenda Items:

1. PRIM portfolio review by Laura Strickland, PRIM Senior Client Services Officer
2. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates in connection with Fire Department Captain William J. Bianco's application for accidental disability retirement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 7 & 94. Captain Bianco is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes – The Board may enter Executive Session pursuant to Purpose 7 of the Open Meeting Law: "To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general...law", that law being Exemption (c) of the Public Records Law (G.L., c. 4, s. 7(26) (c)).
3. Receipt of an ordinary disability retirement application from Firefighter Andrew Handler, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 6. Member's Application, Treating Physician Statement and Employer's Statement have all been received. Firefighter Handler is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes- The Board may enter Executive Session pursuant to Purpose 7 of the Open Meeting Law: "To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general...law", that law being Exemption (c) of the Public Records Law (G.L., c. 4, s. 7(26) (c)).
4. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held on October 27, 2022
5. Consideration of adopting a "Statement of the Board's Funding Policy principles" (tabled from 10/27/22 meeting)
6. Discussion of PERAC directives re: "Once a Member, Always a Member"
7. PERAC Memo #28/2022 – 840 CMR 28.00 Electronic Signatures

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Update and distribution of pending Eastern Bank monthly reconciliations and outstanding check lists
2. Monthly financial reporting for month ending September 2022
3. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet
4. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Ines Gaines	Teacher Aide	School	11/30/2022
James MacCormack	Foreman	City	11/14/2022
Kathleen Hunt	Administrative Assistant	School	11/28/2022

5. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # 26-22	11/23/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 81,957.00
Warrant # 27-22	11/28/2022	11/30/2022 Contributory pension payroll	\$3,927,094.26

Pending Agenda Items:

1. Pre-employment physicals – Chairman Lopez' update re request for meeting with Mayor Fuller
2. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only:**

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
George Clafin	Police	Medical Panel Appts scheduled for 11/10/22, 11/19/22, 11/29/22

3. 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, December 27, 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.