

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

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Lopez, Anthony Logalbo, Kelly Byrne, Stephen Curley, Lisa Maloney, Esq., Barbara O'Brien, Scenia Saintcyr*, Deirdre Walsh, and Deputy City Solicitor/Retirement Board Counsel Marie Lawlor

** Deputy Director Saintcyr participated remotely.*

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the regular session minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2022.

RECORD: Record in minutes as requested by Chairman Lopez, agenda items #2 and #3 were combined for discussion purposes. Discussion ensued related to the following documents which were provided to the Board members in their monthly packet: 1.) the October 25, 2022 draft Funding Policy Statement prepared by Board member Logalbo with input from Kathieen Riley of Segal Consulting, Newton Retirement Board's actuary and 2.) the October 25, 2022 Memorandum of Law prepared by Attorney Lawlor re: Review of Board Authority on Board Appropriations Funding Pursuant to Certain Special Acts.

RECORD: Record in minutes that agenda item #2 was tabled to give Board member Logalbo and Attorney Lawlor the opportunity to incorporate agreed upon revisions to the "Statement of the Board's Funding Policy Principles".

RECORD: Record in minutes that no action was necessary on agenda item #3.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the purchase of an additional laptop for Retirement Office Staff.

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

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
Clasby	Michael	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Hickey	Matthew	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Josephsohn	Emily	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Pruzinsky	Shannon	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Rourke	Ann	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Robertson	Tremayne	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Robillard	Patricia	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Stanley	Tanya	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Torcasio	Rebecca	1	08/31/22	School	Teacher Aide
Heaps-Kearney	Harper	1	09/12/22	Newton Housing	Section 8 Review Asst
Migliozzi	Grace	1	09/12/22	School	Teacher Aide

Eliassaint	Anaisha	1	09/19/22	School	Teacher Aide
Gates	Jeffrey	1	09/19/22	School	Teacher Aide
Hynes	Anne	1	09/19/22	School	Teacher Aide
Sabourin	Tyler	1	09/19/22	School	Music Therapist
Wilson	Robert	1	09/19/22	School	Teacher Aide
Tavares	Manuel	1	09/22/22	School	Teacher Aide
Wright	Eric	1	09/21/22	School	Teacher Aide
Richards	Christopher	1	09/26/22	City Clerk	Census Coordinator
Chamberlain	Lily	1	09/27/22	Health & Human Serv	School Nurse
Laurent	Rolande	1	09/27/22	School	Teacher Aide
Harris	Lorraine	1	09/30/22	School	Teacher Aide
Clifford	Gail	1	08/31/22	School	Board Certified Analyst
Conroy	Caitlin	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Daniel	Edlourde	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Donovan	Kerri	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Exe	David	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Kinz	Kim	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Leneus	Oscarline	1	10/03/22	School	Teacher Aide
Kibanda Mayanja	Christine	1	10/06/22	School	Teacher Aide
Curley	Brianna	1	10/11/22	School	Teacher Aide
Mustafa	Shafa	1	10/11/22	School	Teacher Aide
Marzilli	Andrea	1	10/13/22	School	Teacher Aide
Carr	Tawanna	1	10/17/22	School	Teacher Aide
Clare	Kathleen	1	10/17/22	School	Teacher Aide
Goodrich	Julia	1	10/17/22	School	Teacher Aide
Guy	Phyllis	1	10/17/22	Health & Human Serv	School Nurse
Keane	Timothy	1	10/17/22	DPW	HMEO
Kenol	Bridney	1	10/17/22	School	Teacher Aide
Lavoie	Jacob	1	10/17/22	Parks & Recreation	Assist Dir Cultural Dev
Toussaint	Junior	1	10/17/22	School	Teacher Aide
O'Sullivan	Maura	1	10/18/22	School	Administrative Assistant

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, to approve Douglas Simpson's request for a member survivor allowance pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d). Douglas Simpson is the widower of Teacher Aide Joanne Simpson who died on July 14, 2022.

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
Bruce Apotheker	Lieutenant	City	10-31-22

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

RECORD: Record in minutes that the Director informed the Board that Laura Strickland, PRIM Senior Client Services Officer, will be in attendance at the meeting scheduled for November 22, 2022, to provide a PRIM portfolio review.

RECORD: Record in minutes that there was discussion relating to the various attempts made by the Board to resolve the issues relating to the City's retention of pre-employment physicals and the Board's concern that the City has not begun the audit process as outlined at the Board's August 23, 2022 meeting which would have identified the scope of the problem and the ramifications to the members of the Newton Retirement System.

VOTED: Record in minutes the Board voted, by a vote of 5-0, for Chairman Lopez to request a meeting, prior to the November 22, 2022 Retirement Board meeting, with Mayor Fuller to discuss the matter relating to the pre-employment physicals.

RECORD: Record in minutes that the following updates were provided regarding pending disability retirement applications:

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
William J. Bianco	Fire	2 out of 3 Medical Panel Certificates/Narratives recvd; 1 Med Panel Certificate/Narrative pending for 3 rd Medical Panel appt scheduled for 10/25/22
Andrew Handler	Fire	9/13/22 recvd Member's App for Disability Ret and Treating Physician Stmtnt); 9/14/22 requested add'l info on Member's App and Treating Physician Stmtnt from Atty Hynes (pending); Recvd Employer's Stmtnt
George Ciaffin	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; Disability Transmittal approved on 10/24/2022

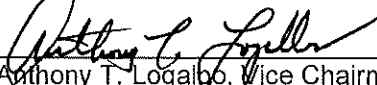
After review, the Board discussed the disability process and directed Retirement Office staff that disability retirement applications not be listed with a pending status on the meeting agenda until such time as the Board has reviewed them for acceptance. If necessary, staff will update the Board on applications received, but not yet accepted by the Board, in their monthly packet.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted, by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn at 10:45 AM.

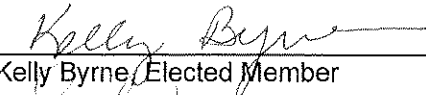
Signed:



Thomas Lopez, Chairman/Elected Member



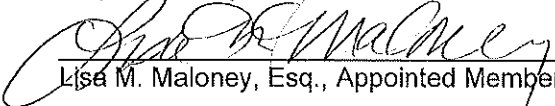
Anthony T. Logallo, Vice Chairman/Mayoral Appointee



Kelly Byrne, Elected Member



Stephen Curley, Ex-Officio Member



Lisa M. Maloney, Esq., Appointed Member