

NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 27, 2022– 9:00 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

Agenda

New Agenda Items:

1. Receipt of three single physician medical panel certificates in connection with retired Police Officer George Claflin's application for accidental disability retirement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 7 & 94. Police Officer Claflin, who retired on 7/12/2022, 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).
2. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held on November 22, 2022
3. PERAC Memo #29/2022 – 5% Local COLA Option
4. Director pay increase effective January 1, 2023

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Board to determine 2023 meeting schedule
2. Monthly financial reporting for month ending October 2022
3. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet
4. Receipt of request for member survivor allowance pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, s.12(2)(d), from Cheryl Pavella, widow of Deputy City Solicitor, Jeffrey Honig, who died on October 16, 2022 - 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).
5. Board to approve, pursuant to M.G.L. c.32, s.12B, the dependent allowance payments as follows:1.) FBO Jeffrey Honig's minor child and 2.) to Griffin Honig, dependent of deceased Deputy City Solicitor, Jeffrey Honig. Griffin is a full-time student under the age of 22.
6. Lee Gilliam – Ordinary Disability Retirement calculation, Shift Substitution
7. New application(s) for superannuation retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Timothy Curry	Custodian	School	11/30/2022
Linda Depasquale	Secretary	School	01/31/2023
Jayne-Ellen Colino	Director of Senior Services	City	01/06/2023
Cheryl Thompson	Clerk	City	01/03/2023

8. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # C-10	12/28/2022	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	\$ 10,593.01
Warrant # 28-22	12/28/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	\$ 411,709.85
Warrant # 29-22	12/28/2022	12/30/2022 Contributory pension payroll	\$3,950,906.64
Warrant # 30-22	12/28/2022	4th Quarter 2022 Staff salary expense	\$ 67,184.00

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
Andrew Handler	Fire	<i>Pending Medical Panel scheduling (1 appt scheduled for 1/31/23)</i>
William Bianco	Fire	<i>11/29/22 Submitted Disability Transmittal to PERAC</i>

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-Dissmissal;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; 11/28/22 recv'd First Pre-Hearing Order-Joint Pre-hearing Memorandum due by 3/17/23.
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, January 24, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Kathleen Riley of Segal Consulting, Newton Retirement Board's actuary will be attending January 24, 2023 meeting.

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.