

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
December 9th 2021**

The Worcester Retirement Board met 9:35a.m. for their Regular monthly Board meeting in open public session on Thursday December 9th, 2021 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, Worcester City Hall, Worcester, MA. 01608.

Board members S.Wentzell, E. Early, J. Mahan, and T. Cullen were in attendance. S. Wentzell acted as Chair for the meeting. Board Council M. Sacco was present.

The Board convened in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1) and 21(a) (3) to conduct disability hearings and discuss litigation strategy regarding pending cases at 9:35 am by roll call vote and reconvened into open session at 12:16pm.

The next meeting dates were set for:

January 13 2022, Regular Meeting 9:30 A.M.
February 10 2022, Financial Meeting 8:30 A.M.

The Board accepted the November Regular and Financial Minutes

**ALL BENEFITS APPROVED BY THE WORCESTER RETIREMENT BOARD ARE
SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY P.E.R.A.C**

Approved Collectively Superannuation M.G.L. c. 32 § 5

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Option</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Allain, Andrew	WFD	Firefighter	31	C	12/30/2021
Armstrong, William	WPD	Police Officer	30	C	12/26/2021
Bottali, Donna	WPS	IA	24	A	12/31/2021
Choiniere, Brenda	WPS	Café Helper	17	B	12/03/2021
Corriere, Joseph	WPS	Jr Custodian	28	A	12/03/2021
Ducimo, Dorothy	WPS	Cook/Baker	24	A	12/10/2021
Foley, John	WPS	Committee Member	22	A	12/31/2021
Letourneau, Marie	WPS	Café Supervisor	45	B	12/03/2021
Maddox, Anthony	WPD	Police Sergeant	32	A	12/01/2021
Rosario, Daniel	WPD	Police Officer	32	B	12/07/2021
Tanona, Joseph	WPD	Police Officer	32	C	12/31/2021
Trainor, Lawrence	WPD	Police Officer	27	C	12/01/2021

R. Stearns was not in attendance and the Board will have him discuss this month's financials at the next meeting.

L.Poske informed the Board of the continuing noncompliance of the 91A earnings for T. Fennell, and J Chavarria. The Board requested L.Poske contact them one last time to inform them of termination before sending out certified hearing notices.

The Board reviewed the legal contract which is set to expire in January. Per contract the Board could vote a 2-year extension. Board **voted**: to extend the legal contract 2 more years (4-0).

The Board reviewed the custody bank contract which is set to expire in January. Per contract the Board could vote a 2-year extension. Board **voted**: to extend the custody bank contract 2 more years (4-0).

L. Poske presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2022. The Board reviewed and will re-assess at next meeting.

There were no new PERAC Memos.

Retiree Evaluation for D. Toomey came back as still unable to return to work.

Approved Collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>PaidDate</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-35	10/29/2021	Member Transfers	\$ 152,864.70
21-36	10/29/2021	Member Refunds	322,046.10
21-37	10/29/2021	Office Expenses	67,419.78
	10/01/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,920.40
	10/08/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,864.00
	10/22/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,847.68
	10/29/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,684.01
	10/29//2021	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	10/29/2021	October Retiree Benefits	7,816,406.70

The Board adjourned at 12.21 a.m. by roll call vote

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member/Acting Chairman

Elizabeth A. Early, Elected Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

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Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member

The following were handled in Executive Session:

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Evidentiary Hearing (cont'd)

McKibbens, Katherine WPS (IA) 11

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Reports Recv'd

Rogers, Robin WPS (IA) 8

Ordinary Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 6 Reports Recv'd

Chase, Matthew WPD (PO) 20

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Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 16 Reports Recv'd

Powers, James WPD (PO) 17

Wyco, Mark WFD (Captain) 31

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Cybersecurity Update