

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
March 10th 2022**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:35 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday, March 10th, 2022 in room Levi Lincoln Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Worcester, MA 01608 for their Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

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

The Board welcomed Matthew Wally to the Board.

The Board decided to vote to appoint a chair at the next Board Meeting.

Member of the Public, Edward Pietrewicz requested to speak to the Board in regards to the upcoming COLA meeting. Mr. Pietrewicz requested the Board consider accepting the 2022 COLA at their next meeting and provide any relief they could to retirees citing inflation and other recent costs. Mr. Pietrewicz also proposed the Board raise the COLA base from 13,000 to 16,000.

The Board heard Mr. Pietrewicz. Mr. Pietrewicz requested to speak again at the COLA meeting. The Board stated they would put him on the next Agenda.

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 8:50 am by roll call vote and reconvened into open session at 10:25 am.

The next meeting dates were set for: April 14th, 2022 COLA & Regular Meeting 8:30 a.m.
April 21st, 2022 Financial Manager Meeting 8:30 a.m.

The Board accepted the February Regular Minutes, February 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 §

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Option</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Adams, Grace	WPS	(Secretary)	21	B	03/01/2022
Bruchmann, Patricia	Health	(Nursing Unit Chief)	20	C	03/12/2022
Donnellan, Steven	WPD	(Police Lt)	31	C	03/12/2022
Hill, Stephen	ED	(Staff Asst 3)	20	B	03/04/2022
Lynch, Michael	WPS	(Bus Monitor)	20	A	03/07/2022
O'Day, Mary Ellen	WPS	(IA)	10	A	03/01/2022
Radula, Thomas	WPD	(Police Sgt)	34	C	02/18/2022
Trifero, Richard	PF	(Chief Clerk PWrks)	28	C	03/04/2022
Vecchio, Elizabeth	WPS	(Info Specialist)	24	A	03/11/2022

R. Stearns gave summary of the monthly financials. The Board filed.

L. Poske and R. Stearns informed the Board that the WRTA plans to accept Ch.32 and become members of the WRS.

L. Poske and R. Stearns discussed their conversations with the Disability Evaluations Services and why their prices has increased. The Board Voted to accept the amended DES contract **5-0**.

The Board was provided and discussed the following PERAC 2022 Memos:
#9 Extension of Open Meeting law Waivers

The following Retiree Evaluations came back as unable to work:
Dick, C
Standring, M
Simone, T

Approved Collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Paid Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22-02	02/18/2022	Member Refunds	\$ 167,878.19
22-03	03/04/2022	Office Expenses	17,687.75
	02/04/2022	Office Employee P/R	5,401.60
	02/11/2022	Office Employee P/R	5,880.00
	02/18/2022	Office Employee P/R	5,880.00
	02/25/2022	Office Employee P/R	5,880.00
	02/28/2022	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	02/28/2022	February Retiree Benefits	7,851,552.64

The Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m. by roll call vote

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

Elizabeth A. Early Elected Member/Acting Chairman

Matthew Wally, Appointed Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

John Mahan, Elected Member

Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member

The following were handled in Executive Session

Executive Session

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Reports Received

Raskett, Richard	WHA (Sr. Custodian)	24
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Davilla, Jacqueline	WPS (Bus Monitor)	9
James, Ernest	WHA (Carpenter)	18

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