

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
November 10th, 2022**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday, November 10th, 2022, in the **Levi Lincoln Chambers**, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Worcester, Ma. 01608 for their regular monthly board meeting.

Board members E. Early, M. Wally, R. Stearns, T. Cullen and J. Mahan were present. M. Sacco was present as Board council.

The Board immediately 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 8:30AM and reconvened into open session at 10:02 a.m

The next Meeting Dates were set for: December 8th, 2022 - Financial Meeting 8:30 a.m.
December 8th, 2022 - Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m.

The Board accepted the October Regular Minutes (5-0)

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Dept</u> | <u>Pos</u> | <u>Years</u> | <u>Option</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Burgoyne, Sandra | Police | Sf Asst 2 | 26 | B | 11/01/2022 |
| Hallen, Cheryl | WPS | Caf Helper | 25 | C | 11/01/2022 |
| Joslyn, Suzanne | WPS | Clerk | 25 | A | 11/25/2022 |
| LaRose, Michael | WPS | Custodian | 36 | A | 11/01/2022 |
| Opacki, Jutta | WPS | IA | 10 | B | 10/27/2022 |
| Sestokas, Frank | LBRY | Grad Lbrn | 31 | C | 11/18/2022 |
| Tivnan, Mark | Police | PO | 39 | B | 11/05/2022 |

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

L. Poske updated the board about Cybersecurity changes.

L. Poske discussed the difference between 5hr bus drivers and 6hr bus drivers regarding guaranteed hours and the Board membership regulations. The Board requested L. Poske reach out to the School Department regarding hours worked vs guaranteed.

M. Sacco stated there's no legal basis to hold Claire Weiss check, New POA is valid.

L. Poske gave results of the recent Board election, Early vs Peters. E. Early was declared the winner. Board voted to accept the election results (4-0)

The following PERAC memos were presented and reviewed:

- #26 Appropriation Data Due October 31st
- #27 Free State-sponsored Cybersecurity Training
- #28 840 CMR 28.00 Electronic Signatures

Retiree Evaluations results were presented: Smith, Kellen

Approved Collectively Warrants

| <u>No.</u> | <u>PaidDate</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 22-30 | 10/21/2022 | Member Refunds | 247,847.06 |
| 22-31 | 11/04/2022 | Office Expenses | 21,672.40 |
| 22-32 | 11/04/2022 | 3(8)C | 14,371.61 |
| | 10/07/2022 | Office Employee P/R | 6,089.20 |
| | 10/14/2022 | Office Employee P/R | 5,554.40 |
| | 10/21/2022 | Office Employee P/R | 6,422.40 |
| | 10/28/2022 | Office Employee P/R | 6,187.20 |
| | 10/31/2022 | Board Stipend | 1,875.00 |
| | 10/31/2022 | October Retiree Benefits | 8,104,124.88 |

The Board adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Elizabeth A Early, Elected Member/Chair

Mathew Wally, Appointed Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex-Officio Member

John Mahan, Elected Member

The Following was handled in executive session

November Executive Session Minutes

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

James, Ernest WHA Carpenter 18

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 & 94 Evidentiary

Lavoie, Michael Fire Fire Chief 34 (Retired 1/22/22)

Ordinary Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 6 Evidentiary

Hill, Ingrid WPS IA 31 (Retired 9/30/21)