

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
January 13th 2022**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday, January 13th, 2022 through teleconference for their monthly Regular Meeting.

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

Also in attendance was Joe Ebisa, a journalist from “Intelligence”.

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 8:30am by roll call vote and reconvened into open session at 9:40am.

The next meeting dates were set for: February 10th, 2022, Financial Meeting 8:30 a.m.
February 10th, 2022, Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m.

The Board accepted the December Regular 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>
Agostinelli, Michael	DPW	Asst Storekeeper	26	C	01/13/2022
Cox, Lionel	WPS	Bus Aid	19	B	12/08/2021
Caporelli, John	WPS	Custodian	25	B	01/10/2022
Kelly, Cheryl	JT	Staff Asst 2	24	B	01/07/2022
Klama, Susan	WPS	Café Helper	23	-	01/25/2022
Levins, Kelly	JT	Sr Staff Asst	30	B	12/30/2021
McColl, James	Code	Sr Sani Inspec	35	B	01/28/2022
Mendes, Ralph	DPW	Gen Foreman	29	B	01/03/2022
Navaroli, Thomas	DPW	Sr Secur Guard	24	B	01/14/2022
O’Neil, Michael	WHA	Maint Mech	19	A	01/10/2022
Patterson, Maureen	WPS	Instruct Asst	23	B	12/31/2021
Progin, Gail	WPD	Senior Clerk	43	A	01/01/2022
Ranucci Jr., Francis	DPW	Asst Civ Eng Gr4	36	C	01/03/2022
Roche, Mark	WPD	Dep Chf of Police	35	C	12/17/2021
Rosario, Lisa	WPS	Instruct Asst	23	C	12/13/2021

Approved Survivor Benefit M.G.L. c. 32 §12(2) D

Widower of Marsha Ford WPS (Bus Driver) 2

Board member R. Stearns discussed the status of the December and January financials provided. R. Stearns and L. Poske are working together to go over Board financials and procedures while L. Poske is training the new office accountant. Board approved and filed

The following retirees: M. Rojas, T. Fennell and J. Chavarria have failed to file their earning with PERAC. The Executive Secretary has reached out multiple times to the members, including certified mail. J. Mahan will reach out to Fennell and Rojas.

The Board approved the Proposed Meeting Schedule 2022

The Board approved the Legal Contract Amendment.

The Board discussed and approved the 2022 office budget.

The Board was provided and discussed the following PERAC 2021 & 2022 Memos:

#32: Cybersecurity and Internal Controls

#33: Tobacco Company List

#34: 2021 Disability Data

#35: 840 CMR 10:10(3) & 10:15(1)(c)- Annual Review of Medical Testing Fee

#1 Fraud Attempt

Retiree Evaluation for J. Carlson, came back as unable to return to work.

Approved Collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>PaidDate</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-43	12/24/2021	Member Transfers	\$ 94,903.35
21-44	12/17/2021	Member Refunds	153, 258.33
21-45	12/30/2021	Member Transfers	93,176.26
21-46	12/31/2021	Office Expenses	21,894.85
	12/03/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,684.00
	12/10/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,684.00
	12/17/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,880.00
	12/23/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,880.00
	12/30/2021	Office Employee P/R	4,684.00
	12/30/2021	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	12/30/2021	December Retiree Benefits	7,909,075.60

The Board adjourned at 10:28 a.m. by roll call vote

