

**Worcester Retirement Monthly Board Meeting
December 14, 2017**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 9:00 A.M in Open Public Session on Thursday September 14, 2017 in Room 402, City Hall Worcester, MA. All Board members were present. Stephen Wentzell acted as chair for the meeting.

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

The Board accepted the minutes of the November minutes as presented.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Blakeney, Patricia	School (IA)	13	B	11/30/2017
Clark, Michael	Fire (LT)	33	C	11/25/2017
Cousineau, Robert	WHA (SpvsrMaint)	38	C	01/06/2018
Dyer, Shawn	Fire (FF)	33	A	11/10/2017
Hawkesworth, Susan	School (PrClkCnfdt)	30	B	01/06/2018
Hernandez, Norberto	Fire (Cpt)	33	A	11/12/2017
Holstrom, Kimberley	Police (DirAdmin)	31	C	01/03/2018
McCrohon, Susan	School (IA)	31	A	01/01/2018

October C/R & C/D, Trial Balance, Custodial Report and YTD Office Budget November 2017 were provided to the Board. Filed.

The Board accepted the Election results as reported and John Mahan was declared the Elected Member for the 3 year term beginning January 1, 2018.

Board approved the posting of the Fifth Member position on the PERAC website.

2018 Meeting Schedule was provided to the Board members. Will discuss at the next meeting.

The following **PERAC MEMO's** were provided to the Board:

#33/2017 New Fraud Prevention Poster

#34/ Administrator's Training

#35 Forfeiture of Retirement Allowance for Dereliction of Duty by Members

The Board briefly discussed the pending forfeiture case. The first step is to request actual court disposition and that has been done. The proposed legislation that would alter the pension forfeiture statute was also discussed.

Approved collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17-32	11/17/2017	Member Transfer Out	\$ 125,595.94
17-33	11/24/2017	Monthly Bills &3(8)c	421,144.24
17-34	11/24/2017	Member Refunds	48,507.23
	11/03/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
	11/09/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
	11/17/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
	11/24/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
	11/24/2017	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	12/01/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
	12/08/2017	Office Employee P/R	5,947.60
112017	11/30/2017	November Retiree Payroll	\$6,815,059.50

It was reported to the Board the Julio Garcia has withdrawn his MCAD claim against the Board.

Mita- PERAC remand remains tabled for a submission from Attorney Hynes.

At approximately 9:20 a.m. the Chair entertained a motion to convene 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. The Board will not reconvene in open session following the executive session. The motion was moved and on a unanimous roll call vote the Board went into executive session.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Board reconvened in open session to handle the 91A issue of WM Gardiner. After hearing from Mr. Gardiner, the board agreed to grant him an extension until next meeting on January 11, 2018 and ask PERAC if we have discretion for further extensions. The Board Chair offered suggestions to address Mr. Gardiner's problem with his accountant and offered they speak directly with the accountant. The Board will ask PERAC if it can be extended for 60 days.

The Board voted to request an extension form PERAC for a 60 day stay of suspension to complete filing requirements after reviewing financial documentation. Unanimous.

The Board recessed at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Early, Executive Secretary and Elected Member

Stephen Wentzell, Acting Chair and Appointed Member

John Mahan, Elected Member

Robert Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Thomas Wade, Fifth Member

The following was handled in Executive Session:

Accidental Death M.G.L. c. 32 §9 Med Reports

Widow-WmBenedict Police (retired) died 8/13/2016

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §16 Med Panel Reports

Halvorsen, Robert Fire (FF) 22

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §16 Evidentiary Hearing

Carlson, John Fire (Lt) 33

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §7 Evidentiary Hearing

Carmody, James Police (PO) 22

Harrity, Edward WHA (Sprvr Trades) 1

Standring, Matthew School (Crpnt) 9