

**Worcester Retirement Monthly Board Meeting
May 11 2017**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 A.M. in Open Public Session on Thursday May 11, 2017 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber City Hall Worcester, MA. Board members John Mahan, Robert Stearns, Stephen Wentzell and Elizabeth Early were present. Stephen Wentzell acted as the 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 April meetings 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> |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Adua, Lynn M. | School (COTA) | 28 | A | 5/01/2017 |
| Burch, Kenneth | DPW&P (Laborer) | 44 | B | 5/20/2017 |
| Ferraro, James | Police (Lt) | 23 | A | 4/24/2017 |

At approximately 9:20 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 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.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 10:50 a.m.

YTD Office Budget,C/R & C/D,Custodial Report & Cash Flow were provided to the Board. Filed.

Membership and Creditable Service were discussed by the Board. As a result of a recent court decision that affirms the position once a member always a member the Board must promulgate a regulation to prorate service time when a current member's hours fall below the 20 hour membership. As part of the discussion the Board spoke of raising the threshold for membership from the current 20 hours a week for a position to possibly 32 hours or 1664 annually. The School dept. employees would be most impacted by any increase in the membership threshold. If enacted the change would be prospective only. The City Auditor would like to meet with representatives of the School Department prior to any change to membership.

PERAC MEMO was provided to the Board. Filed.
#17/2017 Mandatory Retirement Board Training

Approved Warrants:

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 17-08 | 4/07/2017 | Member Refunds | \$ 182,513.21 |
| 17-09 | 4/04/2017 | Transfer to SSB&T | 400,000.00 |
| 17-10 | 4/21/2017 | Member Transfers | 78,506.90 |
| 17-11 | 4/28/2017 | Office Expenses | 29,069.82 |
| 17-12 | 4/28/2017 | 3(8)C Bills | 1,706,787.56 |
| 17-13 | 5/12/2017 | Member Transfers | 233,616.58 |

The Board recessed at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Early, Executive Secretary and Elected Member

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member and Acting Chairman

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

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Thomas Wade, Member, Fifth Member

The following was handled in Executive Session:

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

Bonfiglio, James DPW&P(LabTech) 16
Mita, Kevin Fire (Lt) 26

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §7 Panel Reports Rec'd

Gaucher, Jeffrey Fire (FF) 30

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

Murray, John Police (PO) 30

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

Germain, Thomas School (Cust) 33
Maruca, Paul DPW&P(Lbr/MEO) 29