

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
October 8th 2020**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday October 8th, 2020 through a hybrid teleconference/in person meeting for their monthly regular meeting in the Levi Lincoln Chambers, City Hall, Worcester, MA 01608.

Board members R. Stearns, E. Early, and J. Mahan were present for the meeting in person. Attorney C. Collins was present in person as Board counsel. R. Stearns acted as Chair for the meeting.

T. Cullen joined the meeting through teleconference at 8:40.
S. Wentzell joined the meeting in person at 8:45.

The Next Meeting Date was set for November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting, 8:30 am

The Board Accepted the September Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes

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

Approved by roll call vote Superannuation M.G.L. c. 32 § 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Baronowski, Joanne	WHA (ExAsst)	13	B	10/30/2020
Brooks, Donna	WPS (BusMntr)	33	B	10/19/2020
Elliott, John	FIRE (Lt)	32	C	10/03/2020
Lorusso, Jane	WPS (IA)	22	A	10/30/2020
Meduski, William	DPW&P(JrCvEng3)	34	B	10/19/2020
Morrone, Diane	ED (StfAsst3)	25	B	10/15/2020
Perez, Carmen	WPS (IA)	26	A	09/15/2020
Valinski Jr, Ronald	CODE(Sealer)	37	C	10/31/2020
Ward, James	POLICE (PO)	42	C	10/02/2020

Approved by roll call vote Survivor Benefit M.G.L. c. 32 §12(2) D

Widow of Ricker, George	CODE (BLD INSP)	13
Widow of Gonyea, Todd	WPS (CafMgr)	25

The Boards financial data was discussed and filed.

The Executive Secretary provided the Board with PERAC memos:

#28 Tobacco Company List

#29 Mandatory Retirement Board Training – 4th Qtr.

The Retiree Evaluation for S. Gunnerson was presented to the Board.

Approved Collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>PaidDate</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20-26	09/18/2020	Member Refund	\$ 165,124.48
20-28	09/25/2020	Office Expenses	26,670.77
20-29	09/25/2020	Office 3(8) C's	162,392.69
	09/03/2020	Office Employee P/R	5,441.20
	09/11/2020	Office Employee P/R	5,441.20
	09/18/2020	Office Employee P/R	5,441.20
	09/25/2020	Office Employee P/R	5,441.20
	09/30/2020	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	09/30/2020	September Retiree Benefits	7,444,190.64

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 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member/Acting Chairman

Elizabeth A. Early, Elected Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member

The following were handled in Executive Session:

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §16 & 7 Evidentiary Hearing

Figueroa, Gilbert

FIRE (FF)

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Litigation| Regina Mitchell v. Worcester Retirement Board & PERAC

Special Legislation Update

Cybersecurity Update