Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes May 13th, 2021

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday May 13th, 2021 through teleconference for their regular monthly meeting.

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

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 8:35 am by roll call vote and voted reconvene in open session at 10:15 am by roll call vote.

The Next Meeting Dates were set for: June 10th, 2021, Financial Meeting, 8:30 am June 10th, 2021, Regular Meeting, 9:30 am

The Board discussed the capabilities for an in-person meeting for June.

The Board accepted the April Regular, and Financial 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Option</u>	Effective Date
Cazaropoul, Eileen	TS (CIO)	39	В	05/28/2021
Ciullo, Thomas	DPW&P (Craftsman)	37	C	05/01/2021
Eager, Robert	WPS (Custodian)	38	В	05/01/2021
Lahey, Francis	Police (Sgt)	33	A	05/14/2021
Latour, Gerald	WPS(Custodian)	29	C	05/12/2021
Lavallee, Ronald	WHA(TelSpec)	14	В	04/14/2021
Power, Rebecca	FIRE (PrinBkpr)	22	В	05/07/2021
Valentin, Maria	WHA (Coord)	21	В	05/05/2021

Board member Robert Stearns discussed the Cash flows, Trial Balance, Bank Recons, and other Board financial data. The Board approved and filed.

- L. Poske advised the Board on the continuation of best cybersecurity practices in the office. S. Wentzell discussed the importance of the topic and recent ransomware attacks.
- L. Poske discussed the following PERAC Memos:
 - #14 Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training 2nd Quarter 2021
 - #15 Implementation of Paid Family Medical Leave ("PFML")

There were no retiree evaluations to discuss

Approved Collectively Warrants:

No.	Paid Date	Description	<u>Amount</u>
21-09	$\overline{04/23/202}1$	Member Refunds	\$ 82,924.65
21-10	04/30/2021	Office Expenses	76,861.15
21-11	04/16/2021	Member Refunds	15,731.18
21-14	04/16/2021	Member Refunds	156,424.79
21-15	04/23/2021	Member Refunds	13,496.55
	04/02/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,498.40
	04/09/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,498.40
	04/16/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,498.40
	04/23/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,498.40
	04/30/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,498.40
	04/30/2021	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	04/30/2021	April Retiree Benefits	7,547,747.42

The Board by a roll call vote adjourned at approximately 10:24 a.m.

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member/Acting Chairman

Elizabeth A. Early, Elected Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

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Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member

The following were handled in Executive Session:

April Executive Minutes

Accidental & Ordinary Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 6&7 Reports Rec'd

Robert, Keith POLICE (PO) 25 (Retired 12/04/2019)

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

Robinson, Richard DPW&P (Laborer) 8 Rogers, Robin WPS (IA) 7

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

Meola, Mary WPS (Head Clerk- Conf) 18

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Evidentiary Hearing (cont'd)

Perkins, Paula WPS (Café Mgr) 22