

**Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on July 26, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditors Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall.**

**Present: Members: Ference, Mailhott, Boronski, Riley, and O'Shea**  
**Staff Present: Ana P. Gomes**  
**Also Present: Attorney Michael Sacco, Attorney Laurel Goldstein, Michael Mailhott and David Perry**

**The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:32 a.m.**

**A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by Paul Mailhott to accept and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2023. The minutes will be placed on file. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A motion was made by Sharyn Riley and seconded by Paul Mailhott to approve the monthly expense warrants #07282023, #07292023 and payroll warrant #06302023. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Executive Session:**

**A motion was made by Sharyn Riley and seconded by Paul Mailhott to enter Executive Session at 8:37 a.m. as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21 for the purpose of discussing an Accidental Disability Application. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Ference "Yes", Mr. Mailhott "Yes", Ms. Boronski "Yes", Ms. Riley "Yes" and Mr. O'Shea "Yes".**

**The Board will then reconvene in open session once this meeting is concluded.**

**Executive session concluded at 9:30 a.m.**

**The Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.**

**The following person made a request for an accidental disability retirement allowance according to statute:**

Michael Mailhott – Police Department

After discussion and reviewing the reports and the statutory provisions for this retirement request, **a motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to approve this application and to send it to PERAC for a medical panel. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Ference, "Yes", Ms. Boronski, "Yes", Ms. Riley, "Yes", and Mr. O'Shea, "Yes".**

Board Member Paul Mailhott abstain from voting.

**Legal Matter - David Perry:** the Board discussed the matter with Mr. Perry and informed him that it would be seeking PERAC's opinion as to whether under the circumstances, he would be able to purchase his full years of military service credit.

**Actuarial Valuation for January 1, 2023:** The Board received information with different scenarios if they would raise the COLA to 18,000.00 in FY 2026 and/or in FY 2027. After reviewing all the information received regarding the Actuarial Study. After discussion and reviewing all the information given, **a motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to keep the funding schedule at the same rate of 7.25%. ALL IN FAVOR.** The Executive Director will notify PERAC and Mr. Edgar of this vote.

**The following people applied for membership in the system according to statute:**

Luz Santos – School – Group # 1

Stephen Zajchowski – Human Resources – Group # 1

These members meet the membership requirements of the system. **A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to approve the above-mentioned individuals for membership into the System. ALL IN FAVOR.**

The Fire Chief withdraw the Involuntary Ordinary Disability Retirement for EMT/Firefighter David Perry.

**The following people made a request for a superannuation retirement allowance according to statute:**

Christina Desroches – Cafeteria Worker – School Lunch Department – wishes to retire on September 29, 2023, with 19 years and 2 months of creditable service.

Victoria Dube – Cook Manager – School Lunch Department – retired on July 21, 2023, with 21 years and 6 months of creditable service.

Daniel Dupre – Deputy Chief – Fire Department – retired June 16, 2023, with 35 years of creditable service.

David Perry – EMT/Firefighter – Fire Department – retired on July 12, 2023, with 23 years and 4 months of creditable service.

After discussion and reviewing the statutory provisions for these retirement requests, **a motion was made by Sharyn Riley and seconded by Paul Mailhott to approve the requests for superannuation retirement. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following people made a request for a refund according to statute:**

James A. Leandro, Special MEO, Forestry Department

Bobbi G. Mabb, Communications & Special Projects Manager, Mayors Department

Kelli-Marie Malke, Clerk, Assessors Department

Scott F. Mason, Craftsman, School Department

Guy F. Mode, Engineering & Operations Manager, Electric Light Department

Freddie L. Moore, Special MEO, Collections Department

Denis A. Pelletier, Local Inspector, Building Department

Clive L. Ryan, Maintenance Aide, Chicopee Housing Authority  
Elena Soboleva, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Vicente Torres, Patrolman, Police Department  
Veronica S. Valladares, Clerk, Veterans Department  
Linda A. Vanasse, Project Clerk, Chicopee Housing Authority  
Paul A. Winspeare, Chief HR Officer, Human Resources Department

These refund requests were prepared for board approval after the refund requirements according to statute were reviewed. **A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to approve these refund requests. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following transfer to another system request was received according to statute:**

Sarah R. Amaral, Paraprofessional, School Department

This transfer to another system request was prepared for board approval after the requirements according to statute were reviewed. **A motion was made by Paul Mailhott and seconded by Sharyn Riley to approve this transfer to another system requests. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following request for Survivor Benefits were received according to statute:**

Stephen Burkott – Deceased

This survivor benefit was presented to the board for approval after the statute provisions were reviewed. **A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to grant the survivor benefits. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following request for Survivor Benefits were received according to statute:**

Carl Dietz – Deceased

This survivor benefit was presented to the board for approval after the statute provisions were reviewed. **A motion was made by Sharyn Riley and seconded by Paul Mailhott to grant the survivor benefits. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**PERAC's approval of an accidental disability retirement allowance calculation was received for the following person according to statute:**

David Dymek, Chicopee Housing Authority.

**The following superannuation retirement allowance calculations were prepared for Board approval according to statute:**

Daniel Dupre – Fire Department – Deputy Chief, retired June 16, 2023, yearly pension \$82,766.52.

Francisco Gonzalez, Jr. – Fire Department – Firefighter – retired June 30, 2023, yearly pension \$51,114.12.

Linda Hartbarger – School Lunch Department – Cook Manager – retired June 22, 2023, yearly pension \$29,511.00.

Mark Kosiorek – Fire Department – Lieutenant – retired June 16, 2023, yearly pension \$61,426.08.

Edward Marcoux – Fire Department – Captain – retired June 28, 2023, yearly pension \$70,229.88.

Cindy Ann O’Leary – School Department – Paraprofessional – retired June 23, 2023, yearly pension \$18,007.68.

Kenneth Stearley – City Hall Maintenance Department – Assistant Director of Facilities Maintenance – retired June 30, 2023, yearly pension \$47,109.24.

**A motion was made by Paul Mailhott and seconded by David Ference to approve the superannuation retirement allowance calculations of these retirees. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following superannuation retirement allowance re-calculation was prepared for Board approval according to statute:**

Marshall Moriarty – Law Department – City Solicitor – Retired March 31, 2023, yearly pension \$17,254.32.

**A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by Sharyn Riley to approve the superannuation retirement allowance re-calculation of this retiree. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Administrative Training** – PERAC is hosting an Administrative Training on August 23, 2023, in Northampton. The Director would like to send the Administrative Aide and the Administrative Assistant/Client Services to this training. **A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to send Lidia Rodríguez and Christine Chicklowski to this training. ALL IN FAVOR.**

***PERAC EMERGING ISSUES FORUM:*** Information was received regarding an educational seminar which will be held in Worcester, MA on September 21, 2023. **A motion was made by Paul Mailhott and seconded by Debra Boronski to send five people to this seminar and to approve the attendance and the educational expenses for the PERAC seminar. ALL IN FAVOR.**

***COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL EVALUATIONS:*** We received notice from PERAC that a retiree was evaluated for possible return to service under M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 8. At this time, the retiree is unable to perform the duties of the job but may be subject to future evaluations. No Board action is necessary at this time.

***UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023:***

\*\* August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, \*\*October 25<sup>th</sup>, \*\*November 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 20<sup>th</sup>.

All meetings are subject to change.

\*\* denotes when an Investment Company will be in attendance

**PERAC MEMOS:**

- PERAC Memo #15, 91A Prosper Tasks

**REPORTS AND NOTICES:**

- Trial Balance Reports for the month of April
- Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Journal Entries and General Ledger for the month of April.
- NCPERS Correspondence
- MASS Retirees – FY24 COLA Approvals.

These reports were reviewed and placed on file.

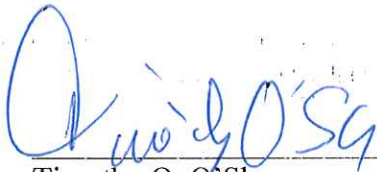
**NEW BUSINESS:** Cyber Security Insurance.

**A motion was made by David Ference and seconded by Debra Boronski to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. ALL IN FAVOR.**



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Ana P. Gomes, Executive Director

APPROVED: BOARD OF RETIREMENT



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Timothy O. O'Shea



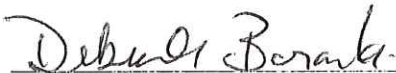
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