

Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on July 22, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room, 3rd floor, City Hall.

Present: Members O'Shea, Ference, Boronski and Riley.

Absent: Member Mailhott

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to accept and approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 24, 2021. The minutes will be placed on file. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the monthly expense warrant #07222021, refund/transfer warrant #07232021 and pension payroll #06302021. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Executive Session -

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 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", 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 8:35 a.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:36 a.m.

Accidental Disability – Medical Panel Review

Kowalik, Theresa M., Paraprofessional at the School Department -- The Board received the Medical Panel Certificates for Ms. Kowalik, which answered in the affirmative for all three questions. The Board discussed and reviewed the Medical Panel findings.

After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Ms. Riley to accept the Medical Panel Findings and approve Ms. Kowalik's Accidental Disability Retirement. All necessary paperwork will be forwarded to PERAC for their final approval. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

(The board members will be notified when they need to log into PROSPER and verify how they voted on this application.)

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

1. Stephanie Tarrant – School – Group #1
2. Kaitlyn Maguire – School – Group #1
3. Peter Marino – Fire – Group #4
4. Jared Falconer – Fire – Group #4
5. Rember Parada – Fire – Group #4
6. Kyle Robbins – Police – Group #4
7. Joseph Gandolfi – Police – Group #4
8. Gustavo Lopez – DPW – Group #1
9. Angel Martinez – DPW – Group #1
10. Ashley Preston – School – Group #1
11. Tara Podolak – School – Group #1
12. Julimar Otero – CHA – Group #1

A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the above mentioned individuals for membership into the System. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following person rescinded the Superannuation Retirement according to statute:

Moreau, David – DPW – Water Department – retirement date of June 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the retirement application withdrawal. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following people applied for Superannuation Retirement according to statute:

Dakin, Lonny – Police Department – Deputy Chief – wishes to retire on July 30, 2021 with 33 years and 2 months of creditable service.

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to approve the retirement applications. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following retirement calculation have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Lori Achorn, Head Cook, School Lunch Department – retired June 21, 2021 - \$9,878.40 per year.

Jeffrey Cady, General Manager, Electric Light Department – retired June 18, 2021 - \$136,138.68 per year.

Donna Cloutier, Paraprofessional, School Department – retired June 21, 2021 - \$15,364.92 per year.

Maureen Geoffroy, Acquisitions Librarian, Library – retired June 8, 2021 - \$37,597.08 per year.

Michael Guerin, Lieutenant, Fire Department – retired June 18, 2021 - \$42,723.72 per year.

Wayne Lemay, Deputy Chief, Fire Department – retired June 10, 2021 - \$73,922.04 per year.

Helen Lukomski, Senior Grant Clerk, School Department – retired June 30, 2021 – \$16,817.40 per year.

Donna Mekal, Cafeteria Worker, School Lunch Department – retired June 18, 2021 - \$3,756.60 per year.

Jolene Monfette, Clerk, School Department – retired July 2, 2021 - \$17,293.32 per year.

Deborah Paquette, Paraprofessional, School Department – retired June 22, 2021 - \$19,019.40 per year.

Linda Pomeroy, Paraprofessional, School Department retired June 21, 2021 - \$11,215.44 per year.

Joanne Rivest, Admin. Secretary, School Department – retired June 30, 2021 - \$39,790.08 per year.

Diane Robillard, Systems Librarian, Library – retired June 25, 2021 - \$44,678.88 per year.

Susan Rosner, Paraprofessional, School Department – retired June 21, 2021 - \$12,698.76 per year.

Joseph Sullivan, Storekeeper, School Lunch Department – retired June 29, 2021 - \$34,385.76 per year.

Todd Lynn Taylor, FireFighter, Fire Department – retired June 25, 2021 - \$39,328.20 per year.

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the retirement calculation. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following refunds have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Ismael Galindrez, Paraprofessional, School Department – terminated February 18, 2021 – total refund \$965.88.

Jonathan R. Geoffroy, Receptionist, Chicopee Housing Authority – resigned February 22, 2021 – total refund \$18,561.83.

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Frank R. Myers, Foreman, Central Maintenance Garage – retired December 18, 2020 (workers compensation) – total refund \$11,886.36.

Leigh C. Strycharz, Paraprofessional, School Department – resigned January 17, 2019 – total refund \$6,307.70

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the above mentioned refunds. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following transfers have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Daniel A. Delisle, Assistant Teacher, School Department – transferred to Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System - \$3,205.96.

Nicholas S. Lempke, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department – transferred to Easthampton Retirement Board - \$6,238.70.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Ms. Boronski to approve the above mentioned transfer. ALL IN FAVOR.

Option C Pop-Up –

Lukas, Stanley – retired September 9, 1994 under Superannuation Option C - his beneficiary Jane A. Lukas passed away on June 4, 2020. Therefore Mr. Lukas will now be an Option A through the Option C Pop-Up rules retroactive back to June 4, 2020.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the above Option C Pop-Up. ALL IN FAVOR

Staff Contracts & Salary – contracts for the retirement board staff need to be drawn up as the current one expired on December 31, 2020. Does the Board want to continue to have the contracts on a calendar year or do you want to change them to a fiscal year? Are we going to continue going by the same pay scale as the one the City uses or are we going to vote each year on our own increases?

After a discussion of this information a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Ms. Riley to table this item until next month's agenda. ALL IN FAVOR.

PERAC Investment Report for 2020 – a copy of PERAC's 2020 Investment Report is attached along with an excel sheet broken down by City/Towns.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

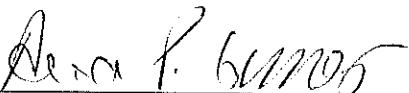
**August 26, 2021, September 23, 2021, **October 28, 2021, **November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021.

** denotes when an investment manager will be in attendance at a meeting via telephone conference until the Pandemic is over.

REPORTS AND NOTICES:

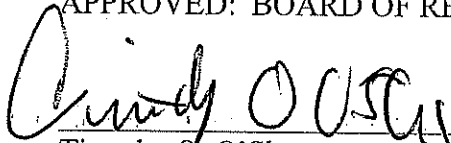
Bank Statement – June
Cash Books – April
PRIM – 1st quarter reports

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. ALL IN FAVOR.

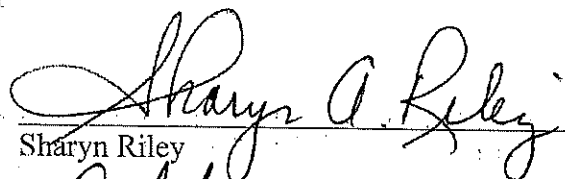


Ana P. Gomes, Assistant Executive Director

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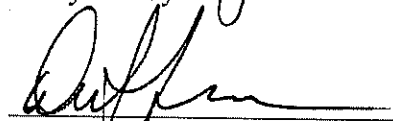
Timothy G. O'Shea



Sharyn Riley



Debra Boronski



David Ference