

**Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on April 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall.**

Present: Members Boronski, Ference, Mailhott, Riley & O'Shea

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

**A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to accept and approve the Special Meeting minutes, the Regular Meeting minutes and the Executive Session minutes from March 23, 2022. The minutes will be placed on file. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the monthly expense warrant #04272022, the refund/transfer warrant # 04282022, pension payroll warrant #03312022 and pension payroll warrant #04292022. ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

1. Savannah Wojcik – Schools – Group #1
2. Stephen Cherette – Schools – Group #1
3. Jake Peterson – DPW Wastewater – Group #1
4. Taylor Garritt – Library – Group #1
5. Michelle Rivas – Schools – Group #1
6. Candace Walker-Boisvert – City Hall Maintenance – Group #1
7. Brandon J. Collinge – Building – Group #1
8. Kateletzy Gonzalez-Vega – Schools – Group #1

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

**The following people applied for Superannuation Retirement according to statute:**

Boronski, Debra – Retirement Board – Member – wishes to retire on April 21, 2022 with 23 years and 3 months of creditable service.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the retirement application. ALL IN FAVOR. (Ms. Boronski abstained from voting)**

Labonte, Joseph – Fire Department – Lieutenant – wishes to retire on June 3, 2022 with 32 years and 6 months of creditable service.

Garrity, Cheryl – School Department – Assistant Cook – wishes to retire on June 17, 2022 with 33 years and 4 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 has been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:**

Surdyka, Janina – Registrar's Department – Registrar retired on March 18, 2022 with 34 years and 5 months of creditable service – yearly pension is \$55,951.92.

**A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Mailhott to approve the retirement calculation. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following retirement re-calculations have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:**

Biela, Craig – DPW Wastewater Department – Assistant Chief Operator – retired on February 6, 2022 – yearly pension is \$60,678.00.

Quesnel, George – Chicopee Housing Authority – Mechanic's Aide – retired on May 24, 2021 – yearly pension is \$26,161.56.

**A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the retirement re-calculations. ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

Ingrid Cruz – School Department – Office Assistant – Terminated December 7, 2022 – total refund \$2,734.86.

Erika Deprey – School Department – Senior Clerk Typist – Resigned February 25, 2022 – total refund \$2,188.69.

Elimarie Marrero – Chicopee Housing Authority – Clerk/Receptionist – Resigned June 24, 2016 – total refund \$29,445.74.

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

**The following transfer has been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:**

Evelyn Rivera-Riffenburg - School Department, Director of Human Resources, transferred to State Retirement Board - \$42,644.83.

**A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the above mentioned transfer. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following Option B Refund has been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:**

Olbrys, Patricia – School Department – Paraprofessional – retired June 22, 2018 with 20 years and 9 months of creditable service; passed away on January 21, 2022 under Superannuation Option B. Her husband, her beneficiary will be receiving her accumulated deductions in the amount of \$24,114.21.

**A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the above mentioned Option B Refund. ALL IN FAVOR.**

90A's & 90C's Increases – Chapter 32, Sections 90A and 90C which have been accepted by the City of Chicopee in the past, allows for an increase in the retirement allowance of retired members of the retirement system who qualify.

**After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Mailhott to ask the Mayor to present an order that would allow for payment of Chapter 32, Sections 90A and 90C increases, effective July 1, 2022. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Medical Applicant Waiver Form - The Board needs to discuss the possibility of having one of the accidental disability applicants do a teleconference with two different oncologists rather than attend the appointments in person. The appointments are both scheduled in Stoneham and the applicant is not able to drive that distance.

**After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Mr. Mailhott to allow the member to do a teleconference. ALL IN FAVOR.**

MACRS Spring Conference – MACRS Spring Conference will be held Monday, June 13, 2022 to Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Hyannis Conference Center in Cape Cod. Board Members O'Shea and Mailhott will be attending the conference. The Executive Director and Assistant Director would also like to attend.

**A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to allow two Board Members, the Director and the Assistant Director to attend this conference and to allow the Retirement System to pay for all registration fees and costs associated with this conference. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Statement of Financial Interest - Reminder that all Board Members need to file their Statement of Financial Interest by May 1, 2022. As of this year, all forms will be filled out online through PROSPER. Once you log on a copy of last year's financial report will be brought up and you just need to make changes as necessary. If you have any questions or problems please let the Director know.

PERAC MEMO #11/2022 – the Board received the Memo regarding the Mandatory Retirement Board Training for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Please make sure you look this memo over and if you are not

attending the upcoming MACRS conference in June – you still may need to take a few classes before the end of the year. We have not heard if PERAC will be doing their FORUM in September or if MACRS will be hosting a fall conference. The Director has a list of everyone and credits needed.

**Investment Report for 2021** – Enclosed is a copy of 2021 Investment Report for the Chicopee Retirement System. It compares 2021 to 2020 and to 1971. It also shows that the Retirement System ended 2021 with \$57,103,454.22 excess receipts and income over disbursements.

**Summer of 2022 Newsletter** – A copy of the upcoming newsletter is enclosed in your packets. A copy will be going out to all retirees and active members.

**Upcoming Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2022** –  
\*\*\*May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, \*\*\*August 24<sup>th</sup>, \*\*\*September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26, \*\*\*November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>.  
(\*denotes when an investment manager will be in attendance.)

**REPORTS AND NOTICES:**

Checking Account – balance report for March 2022  
Cash Books – January and February

These reports were reviewed and placed on file.

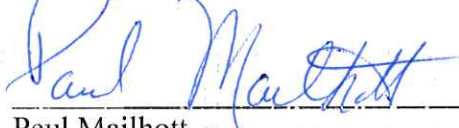
**A motion was made by Mr. Mailhott and seconded by Mr. Ference to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. ALL IN FAVOR.**


  
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Ana P. Gomes, Assistant Executive Director

APPROVED: BOARD OF RETIREMENT

  
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Sharyn Riley

  
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Paul Mailhott

  
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David Ference

  
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Debra Boronski