

**Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on June 28, 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 Earlon Seeley, III and Peter Rios**

**The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:35 a.m.**

**A motion was made by Paul Mailhott and seconded by Debra Boronski to accept and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2023. The minutes will be placed on file. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**A motion was made by Debra Boronski and seconded by David Ference to approve the monthly expense warrants #06282023, #06292023 and payroll warrant #05312023. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Executive Session:**

**A motion was made by David Ference and seconded by Sharyn Riley to enter Executive Session at 8:43a.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 8:57 a.m.**

**The Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.**

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

Mark Wilkes – 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 Sharyn Riley to accept this application and to send it to PERAC for a medical panel. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Ference, "Yes", Mr. Mailhott, "Yes", Ms. Boronski, "Yes", Ms. Riley, "Yes", and Mr. O'Shea, "Yes".

**The following individual applied for an Accidental Disability Retirement according to statute:**

Peter Rios, Water Department

After discussion, the following vote was taken in executive session: A motion was made by Paul Mailhott and seconded by Debra Boronski to approve this request for accidental disability retirement and to send it to PERAC for their approval. A roll call vote was taken

as follows: Mr. Ference, “Yes”, Mr. Mailhott, “Yes”, Ms. Boronski, “Yes”, Ms. Riley, “Yes”, and Mr. O’Shea, “Yes”.

**To correct an error found from December 14, 2022, an involuntary ordinary disability retirement allowance was received according to statute:**

David Perry – Fire Department

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

**Actuarial Valuation:** The Board requested additional information for the Actuarial Valuation of January 1, 2023.

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

- Collen Fenton – School – Group # 1
- Kelly Zwirblia – School – Group # 1
- James Peters – CEL – Group # 4
- Anthony Siciliano – School – Group # 1
- Jose Lopez – DPW - Highway – Group # 1
- Jamal Edwards – DPW - Sanitation – Group # 1
- Daniel Boze – DPW - Sanitation - Group # 1
- Tanya Ellis – Police - Group # 1
- Lauren Pope – School – Group # 1
- Bobbi joe Slack-Reyes – Treasurer Dept. – Group# 1
- Krystal M Golon – Clerk’s Dept. – Group# 1
- Aleissa I Santos Torres – School – Group # 1
- Juliany M Rivera – Retirement – Group# 1

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

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

Kathleen Fimbel – Cafeteria Worker – School Lunch Department – retired May 24, 2023, with 20 years and 6 months of creditable service.

Francisco Gonzalez, Jr. – Firefighter – Fire Department – wishes to retire on June 30, 2023, with 30 years of creditable service.

Mark Kosiorek – Lieutenant – Fire Department – retired June 16, 2023, with 32 years of creditable service.

Edward Marcoux – Captain – Fire Department – wishes to retire on June 28, 2023, with 34 years and 4 months of creditable service.

Patricia Sniegowski – Senior Clerk Typist – School Department – wishes to retire on August 12, 2023, with 32 years of creditable service.

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

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

Kerry Bouchard, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Sharon Croteau, Benefits Coordinator, Human Resources  
Andrew Davis, Laborer, DPW – Sanitation Department  
Robert Lavoie, Special Motor Equipment Operator, DPW – Sanitation Department  
Juan Maldonado, Jr., Maintenance Aide, Chicopee Housing Authority  
Nicole Molnar, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Patrick O’Neill, Laborer, DPW – Parks Department  
Jeremy Pasterczyk, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Amanda Vazquez, HR Generalist, Human Resources Department

Angela Zielinski, Cafeteria Helper, School 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 Sharyn Riley to approve these refund requests. ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

Penny Ethier – 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 Debra Boronski to grant the survivor benefits. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**The following transfer to another system requests were received according to statute:**

Cassandra Duchesne, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Charlene Lustenberger, Paraprofessional, School Department  
Sadie Mills, Paraprofessional, School Department.  
These transfer to another system requests were prepared for board approval after the requirements according to statute were reviewed. **A motion was made by David Ference and seconded by Sharyn Riley to approve this transfer to another system requests. ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

Kathleen Fimbel – School Lunch Department – Cafeteria Worker, retired May 24, 2023, yearly

pension \$3,746.52.

Ralph DeMaio – DPW - Sanitation – Laborer – retired May 19, 2023, yearly pension \$13,291.44.

Anna Maria Hamblin – Retirement Department – Executive Director – retired May 31, 2023, yearly pension \$71,927.40.

Michael Salamon – Water Department – Cross Connection Control Coordinator – retired May 27, 2023, yearly pension \$59,388.36.

Theresa Waller – School Lunch Department – Cafeteria Helper – retired June 16, 2023, yearly pension \$12,142.08.

Board Member Sharyn Riley abstain from voting.

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

**STAFF UPDATE** – Julianny Rivera started as the new Administrative Assistant as of May 15, 2023, in the Retirement Contributory Retirement System.

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

**REPORT ON 2023 SPRING MACRS CONFERENCE:** A legal panel, which included PERAC representatives, spoke on recent relevant cases relating to current retirement issues; as well as speakers who discussed Post-Retirement Earnings and Waivers, Portfolio Monitoring and Loss Recovery. The Legislative Panel update which included an update on the cola increase, veterans increase and health care pension and survivors. John Parsons from PERAC discussed recent issues and current personnel changes. Chairman O’Shea, Board member Mailhott, Director Gomes & Administrative Aide Rodriguez attended the three-day MACRS Conference at the Cape.

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

July 26<sup>th</sup>, \*\* 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 #13, 2022 Salary Verification Request
- PERAC Memo #14, Tobacco Company List

**REPORTS AND NOTICES:**

- Trial Balance Reports for the month of March

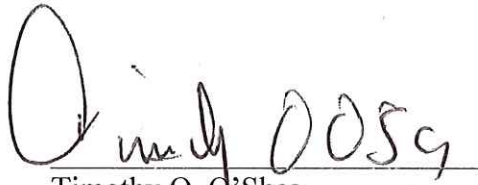
- Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Journal Entries and General Ledger for the month of March.
  - Checking account for the months of March and April.
  - SEI Correspondence - SEI Daily Income Trust
  - MASS Retirees – COLA and Retirement Boards of the Commonwealth
- These reports were reviewed and placed on file.

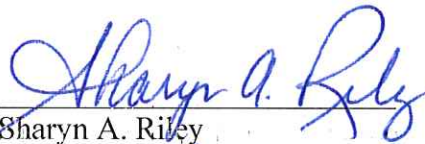
*NEW BUSINESS:* None.

**A motion was made by David Ference and seconded by Paul Mailhott to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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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Sharyn A. Riley

  
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Paul Mailhott

  
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David Ference

  
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Debra Boronski