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Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on June 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 4th floor.

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

Member Boronski attended the meeting remotely per Governor Baker's Orders.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Mr. Mailhott to accept and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 28, 2020. The minutes will be placed on file. ALL IN FAVOR.

A motion was made by Mr. Mailhott and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the monthly expense & refund warrant# 06192020. ALL IN FAVOR.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Riley 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 a legal matter for one of our Accidental Disability Retirees. 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 8:40 a.m.

The Chairman called the regular meeting back in order at 8:41a.m.

Legal – The Board received an email from Attorney Sacco regarding a third party settlement from an Accidental Disability for one of our retirees. The Board needs to discuss if they are going to allow Attorney Sacco the authority to try and resolve this case to the best of his ability.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Mailhott and seconded by Mr. Ference for Attorney Sacco to resolve this case to the best of his ability. ALL IN FAVOR.

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

1. Jerry Rivera – MIS – Group #1
2. Raul Lopez – Chicopee Housing – Group #1
3. Earl Dent Dandy, IV – Chicopee Housing – Group #1
4. Eric Kerr – DWP - Group #1

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

The following people applied for Superannuation Retirement according to statute:

Beaudry, Howard – Firefighter, Chicopee Fire Department – wishes to retire on June 16, 2020 with 33 years and 6 months of creditable service.

Lignar, Karen – Senior Clerk, Collector’s Office – wishes to retire on June 19, 2020 with 22 years and 1 month of creditable service.

Motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the retirement applications. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following retirement calculations have been prepared for the Board’s approval according to statute:

Billips, Kimberly – Principal Clerk, Waste Water Department – retired May 22, 2020 yearly pension of \$30,910.08.

Motion was made by Mr. Ference 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:

Cote, Carole – Senior Clerk, School Department – retired January 17, 2020 yearly pension \$19,482.72.

Motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Ms. Boronski to approve the retirement re-calculation. ALL IN FAVOR.

Option B Refund – John J. Murawski, retired June 11, 2009 from the Police Department with 30 years and 7 months of creditable service, passed away on April 4, 2020 under Superannuation Option B. His spouse is his beneficiary and will receive approximately \$18,300.00 which is the remaining in his annuity savings.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Mailhott and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve this Option B Refund. ALL IN FAVOR.

Supplement Regulations – at the June 19, 2019 Board meeting the Board voted to adopt the

following Supplemental Regulation:

Any individual who the City of Chicopee and/or any of its departments, any member unit of the Chicopee Contributory Retirement System or the Chicopee Contributory Retirement Board who permanently employs 20.25 hours or more per week and who earns at least \$5,000 in regular compensation as that term is so defined in M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 1 and 840 CMR 15.03 shall become a member of the System. In addition to the foregoing, any elected official who earns at least \$5,000 per year in regular compensation may elect to join the System within ninety (90) days of assuming office. Upon becoming a member of the System, a member will continue to accrue creditable service consistent with the Board's creditable service regulation.

The Director received an email from Ken Hill, from PERAC, proposing to adopt the above regulation as follows instead:

Any individual who the City of Chicopee and/or any of its departments, any member unit of the Chicopee Contributory Retirement System or the Chicopee Contributory Retirement who is permanently employed with 20.25 hours or more per week in a position receiving regular compensation of at least \$5,000 annually shall become a member of the System. In addition to the foregoing, any elected official who serves in a position receiving at least \$5,000 per year in regular compensation may elect to join the System within ninety (90) days of assuming office. Upon becoming a member of the System, a member will continue to accrue creditable service consistent with the Board's creditable service regulation.

After a discussion and review of the changes made by PERAC, a motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to adopt the above mentioned revised supplemental regulation. ALL IN FAVOR.

2020 Affidavits – This year we were scheduled to mail out the 2020 Affidavits during the month of May and they were due back in our office by the end of August. This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we did not mail these forms out. PERAC requires that these affidavits be mailed every two years. The Executive Director believes that we should not mail them out in 2020, but wait until 2021 as it will be too difficult for the retirees to come into our office or have them brought to a notary and then mailed into us.

After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to wait to send the affidavits in 2021. ALL IN FAVOR.

Schedule for Board Meetings for 2020 – all Thursdays except when noted, June 18, 2020, **July 23, 2020, **August 27, 2020, September 24, 2020, **October 22, 2020, **November 19, 2020 and December 17, 2020.

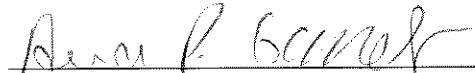
** denotes when an investment manager will be in attendance at a meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mailhott and seconded by Mr. Ference to adjourn the meeting

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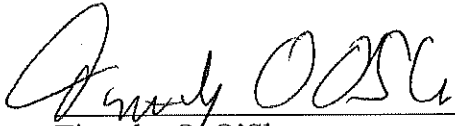
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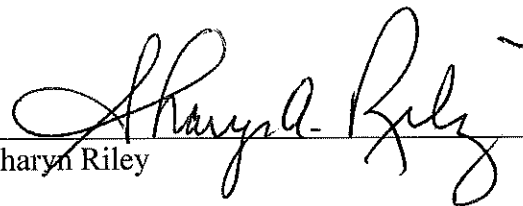


Ana P. Gomes, Assistant Executive Director

APPROVED: BOARD OF RETIREMENT



Timothy O. O'Shea



Sharyn Riley



Paul Mailhott

Debra Boronski

David Ference