

**Worcester Retirement Monthly Board Meeting
January 12, 2017**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 A.M. in Open Public Session on Thursday January 12, 2017 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber City Hall Worcester, MA. All Board members were present also in attendance were Board's Attorney Michael Sacco and HR Attorney Theresa Reichert.

ALL BENEFITS APPROVED BY THE WORCESTER RETIREMENT BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY P.E.R.A.C.

The Board accepted the minutes of the December meetings as presented.

Approved: Superannuation M.G.L. c. 32 § 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Black, Raymond	School (Aide)	11	A	1/07/2017
Gardell, Geoffrey	Fire (Chief)	33	A	1/22/2017
Grady, David P	Police (Lt)	36	C	1/10/2017
Lessard, Suzanne	School (WProc)	38	B	1/03/2017
Morris, Thomas	DPW&P (WF)	42	A	2/01/2017
Nordberg, John F.	Insp Serv (SrInsp)	23	C	2/01/2017
Santiago, Sonia	School (PrinClk)	20	B	1/22/2017
Tamalavitch, Richard	School (DP Tech)	22	A	1/12/2017
Vallejos, Maria	School (café hlpr)	26	A	12/24/2016

At approximately 8:40 the Chair entertained a motion to convene in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1) and 21(a) (3) to conduct disability hearings and discuss litigation strategy regarding pending cases. The Board will reconvene in open session following the executive session. The motion was moved and on a unanimous roll call vote the Board went into executive session.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at approximately 10:00 a.m.

YTD Budget was presented to the Board. No comments. Filed.
Trial Balance, Cash Receipt and Disbursements were also provided. Filed.

2017 Proposed Budget was presented. Approved as presented unanimous.

91A Failure to File with PERAC as reported last month-Wm Gardiner- has now complied.

Retiree Evaluation on Russell Veroneau was provided to the Board. He remains disabled. No Board action required.

Newsletter Draft was provided to the Board. Will be released shortly.

The following **PERAC MEMO's** were provided to the Board.

- #27/2016 Tobacco Co List
- #28/ 2016 Disability Data
- #29/ Buyback of Call Firefighter Time
- #30/ Annual Review Medical Testing Fee
- #01/2017 Updated Public Records Law

The Board appointed the Executive Secretary was appointed the RAO as required under the new law. It was discussed that starting 7/1 Board Agenda and minutes must be posted on the website.

- #02/ Binding Effect of PERAC Memoranda
- #03/ 2017 Limits under Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2002
- #04/ 2017 Limits under Section 23 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010
- #05/ COLA Notice

Approved Collectively the following Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
16-38	12/09/2016	Member Transfers	\$ 11,212.88
16-39	12/09/2016	Member Refunds	111,155.44
16-40	12/19/2016	Monthly Bills	30,541.12
12/30/2016	December Retirement Allowance		\$6,678,119.28

The Board recessed at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Early, Executive Secretary and Elected Member

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Thomas Wade, Member, Fifth Member

The following items were handled in Executive Session:

Accidental Death M.G.L. c. 32 §9 Report Rec'd

Widow of D. Elliott Fire (ret) Died 6/3/2016

Accidental Death M.G.L. c. 32 §9 Physician Review Request

Widow of W.Benedict Police (ret) Died 8/13/2016

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §7 Panel Reports Rec'd

Gunnerson, Stephen Police (PO) 18

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §7 Evidentiary Hearing

Gaucher, Jeffrey Fire (FF) 25

Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §7 Evidentiary Hearing

Jewell, Robert WHA (custodian) 33

Molinari, Elizabeth School (IA) 14

Involuntary Ordinary Disability M.G.L. c. 32 §6 Evidentiary Hearing

Santos-Lopez, Roberto Police(PO) 21