

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
August 19th 2021**

The Worcester Retirement Board met 9:00 a.m. in Open Public Session on Thursday August 19th, 2021 for their Regular Monthly Meeting in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, Worcester City Hall Worcester, MA

Board members: S. Wentzell, R. Stearns, E. Early, J. Mahan, and T. Cullen were in attendance. S. Wentzell acted as Chair for the meeting. Board Council M. Sacco was present.

The next meeting date was set for: September 9th 2021, Regular Meeting 8:30 a.m.

The Board accepted the July Regular Minutes

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Augustus, Dolores	WPS (HeadClrk)	26	B	08/07/2021
Baker, Richard	DPW&P (Laborer)	21	C	08/26/2021
Cole, Elizabeth	WPS (IA)	25	A	08/30/2021
DiBara, Dorothy	WPS (HeadAdmnSec)	40	B	08/22/2021
Frechette, Joseph	WPS (IA)	32	A	08/01/2021
Gingerelli, Michael	POLICE (PO)	34	A	08/20/2021
Grynsel, Stanley	WHA (Carpntr)	17	B	08/07/2021
Halloran, Brian	POLCIE (PO)	25	A	08/26/2021
James, Ann	WPS (IA)	22	C	08/30/2021
Johnston, James	WPS (Cust)	34	C	08/05/2021
Lloyd, Sharon	AUDIT (PrinAcctClrk)	36	C	08/08/2021
Manzi, Elizabeth	WPS (IA)	15		08/19/2021
McGovern, Elizabeth	WPS (IA)	26	A	08/06/2021
Mulcahy, Timothy	WFD (FF)	31	C	08/16/2021
Navedo, Maria	WPS (IA)	32	B	08/31/2021
Oberg, Steven	WFD (Captn)	35	C	08/12/2021
Robertson Jane	WPS (OTA)	26	B	08/29/2021
Stolberg Sr, Paul*	WPS (Cust)	30	A	08/05/2021

*Pending ADR

Board member R. Stearns discussed the Cash flows, Trial Balance, Bank Recons, and other Board financial data. The Executive Secretary provided the Board with an updated Budget to include recent salary changes and office supply needs. The Board approved and filed.

The following PERAC memos were discussed;

- #21 COLA Increase for Supplemental Dep Allow Paid to ADR and Accidental Death Survivors
- #22 Reinstatement to Service under G.L. c. 32 § 105
- #23 91A PROSPER Tasks
- #24 Important Amendment to G.L. 32 Section 100

The Board voted to amend the Agenda and add in under new business The Application for Ch.32 Section 100 for the Widow of Enmanuel Familia. The Board voted to approve the application be sent to PERAC **4-0**.

In Regards to 91A of T. Fennell we will continue to hold his check.

There were no new Retiree Evaluations:

Approved Collectively Warrants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Paid Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-21	07/23/2021	Member Refunds	\$ 187,297.21
21-22	07/23/2021	Member Transfers	357,398.40
21-23	07/23/2021	Office Expenses	30,800.64
	07/06/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,538.87
	07/09/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,654.00
	07/16/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,654.00
	07/23/2021	Office Employee P/R	6,357.12
	07/30/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,860.00
	07/30/2021	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	07/30/2021	July Retiree Benefits	7,757,584.55

The Board convened 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 at 9:20 am by roll call vote and did not reconvene in open session.

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member/Acting Chairman

Elizabeth A. Early, Elected Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member

The following were handled in Executive Session:

Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 16 Reports Rec'd

Bates, Robert	FIRE (Lt)	25
Birmingham, Timothy	FIRE (FF)	25
Rivera, Amador	FIRE (FF)	37

Ordinary Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 6 Reports Rec'd

Meola, Mary	WPS (HeadClrk)	18
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Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Reports Rec'd

DiPadua, Peter	DPW&P (Labr/MEO)	10
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Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 16 & §94B Evidentiary Hearing

Pastor, Robert	FIRE (FF)	31
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Kane, Michael	FIRE (FF)	35
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Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Evidentiary Hearing

Lavallee, Ronald	WHA (TelcomSp)	14
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OTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

July Executive Session Minutes

Cybersecurity Update