

**Worcester Retirement Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:37 a.m. for their Regular Monthly Board Meeting in Open Public Session on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, Worcester City Hall Worcester, MA

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

The next meeting dates were set for: October 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, Regular Meeting 11:00 a.m.  
October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021, Financial Meeting 8:30 a.m.

The Board accepted the August Regular and Financial 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>
Begonis, Deborah	WPS (IA)	20	C	09/05/2021
Cass, Carolyn	WPS (IA)	34	B	09/01/2021
Coffey, Michael	WFD (FF)	33	C	09/17/2021
Davini, Sally	WPS (IA)	19	B	09/09/2021
Defeudis, Linda	WPS (IA)	24	B	09/23/2021
Erickson, Christina	HS (NutrAid)	32	B	08/27/2021
Guarino, Dawn	WPS (IA)	18	A	09/01/2021
Lanzot, Margarita	WPS (IA)	17	B	09/03/2021
Lucas, Roy	JT (StfAsst2)	11	B	09/03/2021
Macaruso Suzette	WPS (HeadClrk)	29	C	09/10/2021
Martin, Joan	HS (Teacher)	32	A	09/17/2021
Marzilli, Sharon	DPW&P (StAsst2)	27	C	09/26/2021
Raffa, Brenda	WPS (IA)	24	B	08/27/2021
Reed, Mary	WPS (CafHlpr)	23	A	08/24/2021
Sepuka, Mark	WPS (Cust)	40	C	09/12/2021
Spooner, Kenneth	DPW&P (PWL)	34	B	09/10/2021
Trinidad, Elsa	WPS (IA)	23	B	08/18/2021

Board member R. Stearns discussed the Cash Flow, Trial Balance, Bank Recons, and other Board financial data. Board approved and filed.

There were no new PERAC 2021 Memos.

The Board was presented the results of the retiree evaluation for W. Hubbell.

The Executive Secretary discussed she is working with retirees who haven't complied with PERACs 91A 2020 reporting. Hearing notices will be sent out for the next board meeting for those remaining who did not comply. J. Mahan stated he would help reach out to retirees who haven't complied.

***Approved Collectively Warrants:***

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>PaidDate</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
21-24	09/10/2021	Member Transfers	\$ 394,968.18
21-25	08/06/2021	Member Refunds	6,882.24
21-26	08/27/2021	Member Refunds	128,973.68
21-27	08/27/2021	Office Expenses	53,831.51
21-28	09/17/2021	Member Transfers	193,693.00
	08/06/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,860.80
	08/12/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,860.81
	08/20/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,860.81
	08/27/2021	Office Employee P/R	5,860.00
	08/31/2021	Board Stipend	1,875.00
	08/31/2021	August Retiree Benefits	7,741,033.82

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 8:40 am by roll call vote and did not reconvene in open session.

Lisa Poske, Executive Secretary

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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:**

***Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 7 Reports Recv'd***

Perkins, Paula	WPS (CafMgr)	22
Rogers, Robin	WPS (IA)	7

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

Chase, Matt	POLICE (PO)	20 (Retired 2/05/210)
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***Involuntary Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 § 16 Evidentiary Hearing***

Kachadoorian, John	POLICE (PO)	27
Powers, James	POLICE (PO)	17
Davis, Sammy	POLICE (PO)	14

***Accidental Disability M.G.L. c. 32 7 & §94 Evidentiary Hearing***

Baillargeon, Raymond	FIRE (FF)	31 (Retired 1/10/21)
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**OTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

August Executive Session Minutes

Cybersecurity Update