NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room 211
Agenda

New Agenda Items:

1. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held February 27, 2024
2. Board to review executive session minutes of meeting held February 27, 2024
3. PERAC Annual Statement for December 31, 2023
4. Elected Officials – purchase of prior non-membership service

Administrative Agenda Items:

5. Monthly financial reporting for month ending January 2024
6. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet
7. New application(s) for superannuation & termination retirement:

Member	Position	Dept.	Date of Retirement
Ronald Cucchi	Firefighter	Fire	04/30/2024
Marcy Dewolfe	Bookkeeper	Public Buildings	03/14/2024
Michael Antonellis	WF Parks Maint Craftsman	Parks, Recreation & Culture	04/01/2024
Robert Belkin	Director of Finance	Newton Housing Authority	04/05/2024

8. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # 05-24	03/27/2024	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	$ 479,902.04
Warrant # 06-24	03/26/2024	03-29-2024 Contributory pension payroll	$ 4,042,251.59
Warrant #C2-24	03/27/2024	Federal Tax	$ 19,736.92
Warrant # 07-24	03/27/2024	1st Quarter 2024 Staff salary expense	$ 70,107.31
Warrant # 08-24	03-27-2024	Death Refund	$ 4,416.94

Pending Agenda Items:

1. Discussion relating to Pension Technology Group (PTG)- purchase of Employee Self Service and Document Imaging modules, scanning project, contract/multi-year agreement
2. Discussion relating to updating the Newton Retirement Board's Investment Policy
3. Retirement Office staff policy and procedures handbook update
4. Pre-employment physicals - update
5. Preliminary discussion relating to January 2024 actuarial valuation-Kathleen Riley of Segal to attend 4/23/24 Ret. Bd. Mtg.
6. Discussion relating to cash reserves - scheduled for 5/28/24 Ret. Bd. Mtg.
7. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only**:

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
William/Stephanie Spalding	Police	Disability Transmittal submitted to PERAC on 3/1/24
Lisa Mikoleit	Police	Pending scheduling of hearing

8. Current status of pending appeal cases – The Board may enter Executive Session for reason 3 under G.L. c.30A s.21 ("To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares")

Petitioner	Docket#	Most Recent Status
Edward Murphy	CR-17-724	DALA hearing held 9/12/21;5/17/22 recvd DALA decision -NRB's decision which was based on PERAC's directive/ approach re Shift Substitution was reversed.5/31/22 PERAC

		appealed DALA's decision;9/13/22 CRAB granted a 90 day extension with a filing date on or before 12/21/22 to the member's counsel,Atty Hynes.
Richard Metro	CR-20-0237	5/19/20 Mr. Metro appealed denial of $300/yr. veteran's benefit. 2/1/22 Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Metro by DALA. Metro filed reply w/ DALA on 2/7/22;3/18/22 recvd DALA's final decision-Dismissal;3/23/22 recvd CRAB's Receipt of Notice of Richard Metro's Objection to DALA dismissal.
Kimberley Vanaman	CR-22-0180	5/16/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Vanaman is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.2/28/23 recv'd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal***; Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24.***
Susan Cellucci	CR-22-0199	5/25/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Cellucci is appealing the calculation of her creditable service; 11/28/22 recv'd First Pre-Hearing Order-Joint Pre-hearing Memorandum due by 3/17/23;3/9/23 Board Counsel filed Motion for Summary Decision;3/13/23 Counsel for Ms. Cellucci filed Motion to Withdraw Without Prejudice
Paula Fallon	CR-22-0200	5/25/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Fallon is appealing the calculation of her creditable service.;4/05/23 recv'd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; ***Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24.***
Elizabeth Whittum	CR-22-0211	6/7/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Whittum is appealing the calculation of her creditable service; 4/10/23 recv'd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; ***Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24.***
Edith Goethals	CR-22-0248	7/1/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Goethals is appealing the calculation of her creditable service;4/28/23 recv'd Scheduling Order from DALA; 8/1/23 Board Counsel filed Memorandum relative to consolidated appeal; ***Petitioner has been granted an extension to 3/29/24.***
Lee Gilliam	CR-23-0039	1/25/23 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Mr. Gilliam is appealing the NRB's decision in connection with his Ordinary Disability Retirement;5/8/23 recv'd First Pre-Hearing Order***;*** 10/25/23 Opposing Counsel filed parties' joint pre-hearing memo;10/27/23 DALA granted parties' joint motion to join PERAC as additional party
Danielle Lualdi	CR-24-0088	***3/1/24 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Ms. Lualdi is appealing the NRB's decision to deny her service purchase request.***

Director's Report

- Christopher Jenkins - 91A Overearnings
- Scott Perella – Workers Compensation offset
- PERAC Board Administrator Training: March 21, 2024
- MACRS Spring Conference: June 2, 2024 – June 5, 2024 Emerald Resort, Hyannis, MA

Correspondence:

- PERAC Memo #10 2024 Tobacco Company List

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Items identified for discussion in Executive Session may be conducted in open session, in addition to or in lieu of discussion in Executive Session. A motion to convene an Executive Session may be entertained during the meeting. Meetings are open to the public and will be held in the designated meeting room in Newton City Hall. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or 617-796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), dial 711.