NEWTON RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Newton City Hall, Room #211

Agenda

New Agenda Items:

1. Swearing in of Kelly Byrne, 2nd Elected Member by Carol Moore, City Clerk

2. Receipt of an Accidental Disability Retirement application from Police Officer George Claflin, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 7 & 94. Member's Application, Treating Physician Statement and Employer's Statement have all been received. Police Officer Claflin is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes.

3. Firefighter Lee Gilliam's application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement pursuant to MGL Chapter 32, Section 6 and withdrawal of application for Accidental Disability Retirement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 7 – 3 Medical Panel Certificates and recommendation of Board Counsel, Attorney Nicholas Poser, received. Firefighter Lee Gilliam is represented by Atty. Paul Hynes.

   The Board may enter Executive Session pursuant to Purpose 7 of the Open Meeting Law: "To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general…law", that law being Exemption (c) of the Public Records Law -G.L., c. 4, s. 7(26) (c).

4. Receipt of request for member survivor allowance pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, s.12(2)(d), from Joanne Mahoney, widow of Firefighter Gary Gentile Jr. who died on August 23, 2022.

5. Receipt of request to purchase 8 years and 7 months of prior refunded City of Newton service pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, s.3 from Joanne Mahoney, widow of Firefighter Gary Gentile Jr. who died on August 23, 2022.

6. Board to approve the dependent allowance payment, for the benefit of deceased Firefighter Gary Gentile Jr.'s two minor children, to Bettina Gentile, guardian of the two minor children-pursuant to M.G.L. c.32, s.12B.

7. Board to review regular session minutes of meeting held on August 23, 2022.

8. Consideration of adopting a "Statement of the Board's Funding Policy principles"

Administrative Agenda Items:

1. Monthly financial reporting for month ending July 2022.

2. Board to approve new members as indicated on list provided in Board Member's monthly packet.

3. Board to approve the following expense warrants:

Warrant # C8-22	9/28/2022	Federal tax deposit funding re: member account disbursements	$ 4,269.39
Warrant # 21-22	9/28/2022	Administrative expense/member account disbursements	$ 174,607.98
Warrant # 22-22	9/27/2022	9/30/2022 Contributory pension payroll	$ 4,085,674.86
Warrant # 23-22	9/28/2022	3rd Quarter 2022 Staff salary expense	$ 68,217.60

Pending Agenda Items:

1. Pre-employment physicals – City will provide update at October 25, 2022 Board meeting re: progress of steps taken as outlined by City of Newton's Chief Financial Officer, Maureen Lemieux, at August 23, 2022 Board meeting.

2. Current status of pending disability retirement applications – **informational only**:

Applicant	Dept.	Current Status
William J. Bianco	Fire	***9/6/22 Medical Panel Appts requested; 2 appts scheduled - 10/1/22 & 10/13/22-1 appt date pending***
Andrew Handler	Fire	***9/13/22 recvd Member's App for Disability Ret and Treating Physician Stmnt); 9/14/22 requested addt'l info on Member's App and Treating Physician Stmnt (pending); 9/14/22 requested Employer's Stmnt (pending)***

3. Current status of pending appeal cases - **informational only**:

Petitioner	Docket#	Most Recent Status
Paul Giunta	CR-20-0291	***3***/1/22 DALA issued Order to Show Cause by 4/4/22 in response to Mr. Giunta's appeal for $300/yr. veteran's benefit.*;* 4/26/22 Recv'd DALA's Order of Dismissal
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.
Cheri Zunick	CR-21-0096	3/17/21 Ms. Zunick (teacher aide) appealed calculation of her creditable service. 2/7/22 Ms. Zunick filed withdrawal of appeal via email to DALA; pending DALA confirmation
Scott Perella	CR-22-0103	3/18/22 recv'd DALA's Notice of Receipt of Appeal-Mr. Perella is appealing the effective date of his ADR.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

Next scheduled retirement board meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 @ 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.