

CHELSEA RETIREMENT BOARD

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Minutes from the meeting held Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM

In accordance with Governor Baker's order, signed on March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, §20, this meeting was held via conference call using Webex. As indicated on the agenda, instructions on how to join the meeting were available by emailing the Executive Director @ bobrien@chelseama.gov before or during the meeting.

Participating Remotely Were: Board Chairman, Mr. Joseph M. Siewko, *Mr. Edward Dunn, **Ms. Carolyn Russo, Ms. Cheryl Watson Fisher and Mr. Richard Carroccino

Also Participating Remotely: Mrs. Barbara A. O'Brien, Executive Director, Mrs. Cindy Donarumo, Assistant Director and Mr. Brian P. Monahan, Esq., Board Counsel

Chairman Siewko called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. *Mr. Dunn was not present yet as he was experiencing Webex connectivity issues.

Chairman Siewko stated that the agenda item relating to the approval of the Regular Session Minutes from the November 16, 2020 Retirement Board meeting would be handled once Mr. Dunn is able to join the meeting.

At 9:09 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to approve Efrain Gonzalez request to purchase 17 months of Military Service pursuant to M.G.L. c.32, §4(1)(h). The motion passed 4-0 and the votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

*At 9:10 AM Mr. Dunn joined the meeting.

The following members have submitted an application for voluntary superannuation retirement benefits pursuant to M.G.L. c. 32 §5:

Name/Title	DOR	Age	Years of Service	Estimated 3 Yr. Average
David Flibotte/Sergeant	01/04/2021	59	33.9167	\$102,376.97
Michael Thompson/Firefighter	01/14/2021	59	39.4167	\$121,358.01
Pedro Feliciano/Firefighter	01/31/2021	55	31.6667	\$80,848.92
Efrain Gonzluez/Sergeant	01/05/2021	57	32.0000 upon Board approval & payment received for 17 months of military service	\$85,997.54

At 9:11 AM Mr. Carroccino made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to approve the above retirements. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

The following Retirement Systems have requested the transfer of funds for the following members:

Name/Title	Board Requesting Transfer	Accumulated Deductions	Total Service Credit / 3(8)c Liability	10/12 Month Basis
Richard McQuesten/CPS IT Technician	Peabody Retirement System	\$14,285.13	2.7500/9167	12
John Stavro/911 Dispatcher	Middlesex County Ret. Board	\$4,448.90	1.0000	12

At 9:13 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the above transfers. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:17 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the Regular Session Minutes from the November 16, 2020 Retirement Board meeting as amended. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

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Attorney's Report:

- In regards to the Susan Sullivan matter, Board Counsel stated that pursuant to the last Board meeting, he sent an email to Katelyn Sullivan advising her to inform the Board as to whether she will be requesting a continuance from the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) or if she will be withdrawing her appeal. Board Counsel stated as of today he has not received a response from Katelyn and explained that she was ordered by Magistrate Rooney to file her side of the joint memorandum to Board Counsel by December 16, 2020. Board Counsel stated that if he does not receive correspondence from Katelyn Sullivan or from DALA within 10 days of the date by which her side of the joint memorandum was to be filed with Board Counsel, he will send notice of such to DALA.
- In regards to the Michael McLaughlin matter, Board Counsel reminded the Board that Attorney Sacco and Attorney Boumil are required to file their joint memorandum to the Board by January 14, 2021 relating to the first Notice of Action-Falsifying Records in a Federal Agency matter. In regards to the other two Notices of Action: Campaign Finance Violations and Inspection Rigging, Board Counsel reminded the Board that the parties are expected to provide discovery issues. Board Counsel stated that the parties were also asked to advise the Board by January 14, 2021 if there are any disputes that will have to be resolved by the Board for purposes of discovery and exchange between the parties.
- Board Counsel explained that PERAC requested information relating to the Employer's Statement submitted regarding William Krasco which indicated that Mr. Krasco was under investigation. Board Counsel explained that in response to PERAC's inquiry he contacted Judith Corrigan, PERAC Deputy General Counsel, who referred the matter to PERAC Attorney Felicia McGinnis. In response to Attorney McGinnis' inquiry as to the steps that the Board has taken relating to this matter, Board Counsel advised her that the Board made an inquiry to the city and that the Board subsequently concluded there was no violation in regards to M.G.L. c. 32, s. 15(1) or 15 (7) nor was Mr. Krasco being investigated for anything related to the ordinary or accidental disability retirement applications that he submitted.

Executive Director's Report:

- The Executive Director stated that both she and the Assistant Director attended PERAC's Buybacks: Interesting Calculations Webinar on November 19, 2020.
- The Executive Director updated the Board regarding the fact that there is one retiree who still has not provided the required information to PERAC re: M.G.L. c.32, s. 91A. The Executive Director advised the Board that she would be issuing a letter to the retiree advising that prior to terminating his benefits he has the right to a hearing which is scheduled for the next Board meeting, January 21, 2021. The Executive Director explained that if the required documents are submitted to PERAC prior to the hearing, the hearing will be canceled.

The December 2020 Accounts Payable Warrant, totaling \$24,847.98 and consisting of the following vouchers, was emailed to the Board on December 14, 2020 for their review:

City of Chelsea-Reimb.for postage (Oct & Nov)	\$ 295.00
Brian P. Monahan, Esq.	\$ 4,500.00
Barbara O'Brien-Reimb for postage	\$ 18.70
The Law Offices of Michael Sacco, P.C.	\$ 525.00
W.B. Mason	\$ 640.00
Middlesex County Retirement-John M. Stavro	\$ 4,448.90
Peabody Retirement System-Richard G. McQuesten	\$14,285.13
Ricoh USA Inc.	\$ 135.25

The following payroll and vendor warrants were emailed to the Board for their review on December 11, 2020:

Date	Retiree Payroll Warrant	Vendor Warrant
November 30, 2020	\$1,039,246.03	\$137,409.06

Date	Staff Payroll Warrant	Vendor Warrant
November 18, 2020	\$3,190.98	\$974.99
November 25, 2020	\$3,190.98	\$974.99
December 2, 2020	\$3,190.98	\$974.99
December 9, 2020	\$5,190.98 (includes Board Stipends)	\$1,320.74
December 16, 2020	\$3,190.98	\$974.99

At 9:31 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to approve the above warrants as read by the Executive Director. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

Next on the agenda was to discuss/vote re: the Selection of the Chelsea Retirement Board's 5th Board member position.

**At 9:33 AM Ms. Russo left the meeting.

After confirming that Ms. Russo was off of Webex, Chairman Siewko confirmed that the remaining Board members received the post-interview rating summary that the Executive Director emailed at the start of this discussion. The Board members reviewed the post interview evaluation summary provided to them by the Executive Director and discussed the pro's and con's of each of the three applicants.


At 9:49 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to select Ms. Carolyn Russo as the 5th Board member of the Chelsea Retirement System based on the Board evaluations and Board discussions. The motion passed 4-0 and the votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

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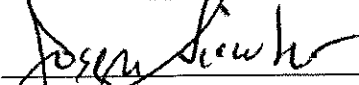
- September 2020 PRIT Balance Sheet
- September 2020 Cash Pages, Bank Statement, Bank Reconciliation
- 11/25/2020 PERAC opinion re: cost of buyback pursuant to M.G.L. c.32, s.4(2)(b)
- PERAC Pension News No. 56 December 2020
- 2021 Schedule of Retirement Board meetings

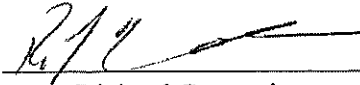
At 9:51 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0 and the votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

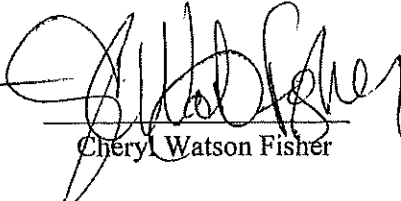
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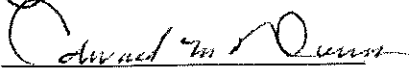

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Executive Director

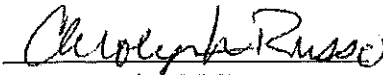
Members' Approval:


Joseph M. Siewko, Chairman


Richard Carroccino


Cheryl Watson Fisher


Edward M. Dunn, Ex Officio


Carolyn M. Russo

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