

CHELSEA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
500 Broadway, Chelsea MA, 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Chelsea City Council
Minutes from the Meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9:00AM

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Present Were: Board Chairman, Mr. Joseph M. Siewko, Mr. Edward Dunn, Ms. Carolyn Russo and Ms. Cheryl Watson Fisher

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

Not Present: Mr. Richard Carroccino due to vacation

Chairman Siewko opened the meeting at 9:07 AM

Ms. Russo, through Chairman Siewko, acknowledged the City of Lawrence Department of Public Works employee who was shot and killed on the job yesterday, January 15, 2020 and requested a moment of silence.

At 9:12 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to approve the Regular Session minutes from the December 17, 2019 Retirement Board meeting as amended. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

At 9:15 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal opinion as it pertains to an administrative matter relating to a potential conflict of interest pertaining to the William N. Krasco, Jr. matter, as discussed during the December 17, 2019 Executive Session. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

At 9:23 AM the Board returned to Regular Session

At 9:25 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to approve the Executive Session minutes from the December 17, 2019 Retirement Board meeting as amended. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

William N. Krasco, Jr. -- Application for Ordinary Disability Retirement, Application for Accidental Disability -- Tabled from December 17, 2019 meeting

Chairman Siewko confirmed with the Board members that they read the letter provided by Lieutenant Dunn dated January 15, 2020 in response to the Executive Director's letter dated December 18, 2019.

After discussion, Board Counsel stated that Lieutenant Dunn needs to complete the answers on the Employer's Statements and provide clarification to his letter advising whether or not he has any evidence that calls into question the legitimacy of the injuries being claimed by William N. Krasco, Jr. as it pertains to his applications for Ordinary Disability Retirement and Accidental Disability Retirement. Chairman Siewko asked Attorney Monahan to draft the letter.

At 9:34 AM Ms. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to table the matters relating to William N. Krasco, Jr.'s applications for Ordinary Disability Retirement and Accidental Disability Retirement so that the Executive Director can send another letter to Lieutenant Dunn requesting clarification of his January 15, 2020 letter. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

The following beneficiaries of a Superannuation Option B retiree requested a refund of the annuity balance in accordance with Ch. 32, §11(2)(b):

Retiree/ Date of Death	Accumulated Deductions	Beneficiary	Proportion to be pd to beneficiary	Taxes Withheld
Joseph Brousseau/ December 18, 2019	\$75,943.68	Diane Brousseau Patricia Brousseau	50% 50%	Yes Yes

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At 9:35 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to approve the above refunds. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

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
Israel Valles-Diaz/ CCS Security	01/02/2020	76	15 years and 7 months	\$22,135.03
George Athas/ Librarian	02/12/2020	62	36 years and 5 months	\$38,861.53

At 9:36 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to approve the above retirements. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

Attorney's Report:

Board Counsel referenced the upcoming Special Meeting scheduled for January 23, 2020 during which the Board will deliberate in regards to the M.G.L. c.32, §15(7) hearing held on November 5, 2019 pertaining to Michael McLaughlin. Board Counsel acknowledged the voluminous material that the Board members must review, specifically, the transcript of the M.G.L. c.32, §15(7) hearing held on November 5, 2019, Attorney Sacco's brief and Attorney Boumil's brief. Board Counsel advised the Board members to bring the transcript and both Attorney briefs to the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting. Board Counsel also asked the Board members to prepare and bring to the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting an outline of the findings of facts and an outline of concerns of areas of law that were raised. Attorney Monahan stated that the Board will make a recommendation and that Attorney Monahan will then draft the recommendation along with findings of fact and issues of law for the Board to review. Once agreed upon, Attorney Monahan stated he will then submit those to PERAC.

Executive Director's Report:

- The Executive Director gave an update on 2013-2016 PERAC Audit that was still taking place.
- The Executive Director stated that the Retirement Office is in receipt of PRIT's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report-Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018
- The Executive Director stated the Retirement Office is in receipt of the Mass Retirees membership recruitment drive letter dated January 3, 2020

At 9:48 AM Ms. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to not release the names, home addresses and personal email addresses of our retirees and survivors as requested by the Mass Retirees on their membership recruitment drive letter dated January 3, 2020. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

In regards to PERAC's opinion letter to Board Counsel dated December 17, 2019, there was discussion that PERAC determined that Narcan is not payable to the Section 100 survivors. There was further discussion relating to PERAC stating that both Longevity I and Longevity II as described in Section 2 of Article 15 of the new Superior Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement are regular compensation.

The following vouchers were approved for payment for the January 2020 Accounts Payable Warrant:

Berkshire County Retirement Board	\$ 9,072.16
Lynn Retirement System	\$ 8,663.03
MA Housing Finance Agency Employees Ret. Sys.	\$ 12,343.27
Medford Retirement Board	\$ 22,968.47
Middlesex County Retirement System	\$ 20,374.92
Newton Retirement System	\$ 913.84

Revere Retirement System	\$ 4,894.09	
Somerville Retirement Board	\$ 9,405.74	001011
City of Chelsea – Reimb. for Postage	\$ 224.95	
MACRS – Dues	\$ 600.00	
Brian P. Monahan, Esq.	\$ 3,000.00	
The Law Offices of Michael Sacco, P.C.	\$ 4,735.00	
ReadyRefresh	\$ 8.38	
W.B. Mason	\$ 97.41	
Allan I. Alpert - Refund of Ret. Deds.	\$ 1,208.50	
City of Chelsea – Federal Taxes – Allan I. Alpert	\$ 302.12	

Retiree and Staff payroll were approved.

Distribution of:

- PRIT Balance Sheet and Trial Balance
- PERAC Memo #25/2019 – New Fraud Prevention Poster
- PERAC Memo #26/2019 – 2019 Disability Data
- PERAC Memo #1/2020 – Tobacco Company List
- PERAC Memo #2/2020 – Comparative Analysis Fee Report
- PERAC Memo #3/2020 – Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training-1st Quarter 2020
- PERAC Memo #4/2020 – Investment Consultant RFP's
- PERAC Memo #5/2020 – 2020 Limits under Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2002
- PERAC Memo #6/2020 – 2020 Limits under Section 23 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010
- PERAC Memo #7/2020 – COLA Notice
- January 1, 2019 Actuarial Valuation report of the Chelsea Retirement System
- 19th Edition of the Retirement Boards of the Commonwealth – January 2020
- PERAC Opinion letter addressed to Board Counsel dated December 17, 2019 & Board Counsel's request for PERAC Opinion dated July 16, 2019


At 9:59 AM Ms. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to adjourn. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea

Respectfully submitted,

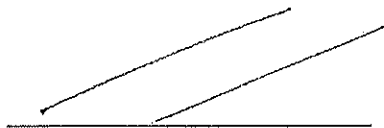


Barbara O'Brien
Executive Director

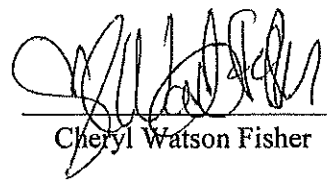
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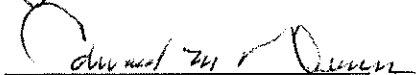
Joseph M. Siewko, Chairman



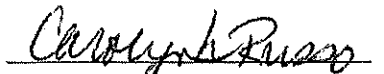
Richard Carroccino



Cheryl Watson Fisher



Edward M. Dunn, Ex Officio



Carolyn M. Russo

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