

CHELSEA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
500 Broadway, Chelsea MA, Conference Room of the Chelsea City Council
Minutes from the Meeting held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 9:00AM

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

Also Present: Mrs. Cindy Donarumo, Assistant Director and Mr. Brian P. Monahan, Esq., Board Counsel

At 9:06 AM Chairman Siewko opened the meeting, stated that the meeting was being recorded.

At 9:07 AM Mr. Carroccino made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to enter Executive Session to discuss continued deliberations and finalizing Count 2 of the Michael McLaughlin matter under Purposes 2 and 7 of the Open Meeting Law, as Mr. McLaughlin has asserted his right to a private hearing. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:27 AM Ms Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to approve Count Two as final decision. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:27 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to instruct Board Counsel to distribute the executed Decision-Count Two to Attorney Boumil and Attorney Sacco. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:28 AM Mr. Carroccino made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to enter Executive Session to discuss Count 3 of the Michael McLaughlin matter under Purposes 2 and 7 of the Open Meeting Law, as Mr. McLaughlin has asserted his right to a private hearing. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:32 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to place the Michael McLaughlin status conference on the April 21, 2022 Board meeting agenda and to instruct Board Counsel to notify Attorney Boumil and Attorney Sacco of the status. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:34 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of the February 17, 2022 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

At 9:37 AM Ms Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the Regular Session Minutes of the February 17, 2022 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

At 9:39 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Retirement Board meeting transcribed by the Chairman Siewko as amended. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:50 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of the March 3, 2022 Retirement Board as amended. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:51 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to approve the 2021 Annual Statement The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:53 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to approve Mary Maslowski's Recalculation of refund pursuant to PERAC Audit 2013-2016 tabled from the February 17, 2022 Board meeting. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 9:59 AM Mr. Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to notify Carlos Rivera, William Norcott, Donald Higgins, Anthony Taraskiewicz of their revised retirement allowance calculations and the retirement deductions due to the Chelsea Retirement Board due to an error of the OT snow codes. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

At 10:04 AM Mr Dunn made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to notify the Payroll Department that Pay Code 799 City Detail be added to the exceptions list. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

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

Name/Title/Group	DOR	Age	Years of Service	Estimated 3 Yr. Average
Robert Rogowicz/Firefighter/4	4/17/2022	63	25	79,647.79

At 10:05 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to approve Robert Rogowicz' retirement. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

The following Retirement System has requested the transfer of funds for the following member:

Name/Title/Group	Board Requesting Transfer	Accumulated Deductions	Total Service Credit / 3(8)c Liability	10/12 Month Basis
Jorge Gallego/Police/4	Everett Ret. Board	39,025.91	5.6667	12
Fidel Maltez/Director/1	Reading Ret. Board	61,244.25	4.8333	12

At 10:06 Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino 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

The following members have requested a refund of their accumulated deductions:

Name/Title/Group	Accumulated Deductions	Age	Service Credit	Taxes Withheld
Ruth Figueroa/Cafeteria/1-Tabled	4,730.50	40	5.2500	Yes, refund
Celenne Lopera	3,887.62	32	1.1667	No, rollover

At 10:07 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Carroccino to table Ruth Figueroa's refund. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

AT 10:07 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Celenne Lopera's refund. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

Cybersecurity Insurance Update/discuss cybersecurity webinar held on February 28, 2022-The Board discussed that the Chelsea Retirement System will now require two signatures on the PRIT Fund Redemption Form

Attorney's Report:

- Form re: 840 CMR 6.08 – Board Counsel stated that the Board made a sound decision protecting our obligation under the regulation not to release any personally identifiable information.

Assistant Director's Report:

- Member Annual Statements mailed on February 24, 2022. The Assistant Director notified the Board that the 2021 Annual Statements have been mailed.
- Jamal Ahmed-discuss Beneficiary Selection Form for Refund of Accumulated Deductions. After several discussions regarding minimum standards of the DRO, a motion was made.

At 10:51 AM Ms. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson Fisher to instruct Board Counsel to confirm with Ahmed Jamal's Attorney if any court decision has been made in the matter and to instruct Board Counsel not to accept any further DRO's that do not contain specific language regarding an alternate payee if the payee predeceases the member prior to the member's retirement and/or refund.

Approval of March 2022 Cash Disbursements Warrant

Approval of Retiree payroll and Staff payroll

Distribution of:

- MONTH/YEAR Cashbooks, PRIT Balance Sheet
- PERAC Pension News #56 Long-Time PERAC Commissioner to Retire
- PERAC Memo #9/2022 Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers
- PERAC Pension News #59 Deja Vu All Over Again
- Cybersecurity and Privacy Awareness from the Office of the Comptroller
- Russia Update from PRIM

Other matters that may come before the Board

The Chelsea Retirement Board may go into Executive Session in order to discuss litigation, collective bargaining agreements, medical, or personnel matters.

At 10:55 AM Ms. Watson Fisher made a motion seconded by Ms. Russo to adjourn. The votes were as follows: Chairman Siewko:Yea Mr. Dunn:Yea Ms. Russo:Yea Ms. Watson Fisher:Yea Mr. Carroccino: Yea

The Board did not return to Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Donarumo
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Assistant Director

Members' Approval:

Joseph M. Siewko
Joseph M. Siewko, Chairman

Richard Carroccino
Richard Carroccino

Cheryl Watson Fisher
Cheryl Watson Fisher

Edward M. Dunn
Edward M. Dunn, Ex Officio

Carolyn M. Russo
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