

MINUTES OF MEETING December 29, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Northampton Retirement Board was called to order by Chairperson Joyce Karpinski at 1:31 p.m.

Members present were Joyce Karpinski, Karen Lafleche and Tammy Suprenant. Charlene Nardi and Thomas Sullivan were absent. Also present was Retirement Administrator David Shipka and Associate Retirement Specialist Elsie Vazquez.

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom teleconference pursuant to the Open Meeting Law provisions in Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022.

Visitors

None

New Business

Regular Business

The Board received applications for the following new members:

Ishmael Limardo-Rivera (Central Services)

Jocelyn DeJesus (Dispatch)

Rebecca Johnson (School)

Russell Sanon (IT Dept)

Juan Perez (City Auditor)

Brittani Cundiff (School)

Kate Shapiro (Health Dept)

Diane Gagnon (Dispatch)

On a motion made by Ms. Lafleche and seconded by Ms. Suprenant, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (3-0) to accept the aforementioned new member(s) (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes).

The Board received superannuation retirement application(s) for the following members:
Mark Pion (School-Inactive)

On a motion made by Ms. Suprenant and seconded by Ms. Lafleche, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (3-0) to accept the aforementioned retirement application(s) (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes).

The Board was in receipt of a disability retirement application for the following member:
Antoni Sakowicz (DPW)

Mr. Sakowicz was present on the Zoom call.

Ms. Karpinski noted that the Board would be entering an executive session and would be returning to open session upon completion of the executive session business. An unidentified caller on the Zoom meeting was notified that they would be placed in the Zoom "Waiting Room" until the Board returned from the executive session discussion. There was no response from the caller.

On a motion made by Ms. Karpinski and seconded by Ms. Suprenant, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (3-0) to enter executive session at 1:35 pm, in accordance with MGL 30A Section 21(a)(1), for the following purpose (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes):

To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

[The Board returned from the executive session at 1:42 p.m.]

The Board reviewed retirement allowances for the following retirees:
None

The Board reviewed the following deceased members/retirees/survivors:
Howard Moriarty (DPW)

On a motion made by Ms. Suprenant and seconded by Ms. Lafleche, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (3-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 29, 2022 (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes).

The Board reviewed and approved the following warrants:
Pension payroll warrant totaling \$1,079,387.79
Accounts payable warrant totaling \$90,503.96
Board and staff payroll warrant totaling \$14,571.96

On a motion made by Mr. Lafleche and seconded by Ms. Suprenant, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (3-0) to approve the aforementioned warrants (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes).

The Board reviewed the following financial report(s) prepared by the Administrator:
October Cashbooks

The Board reviewed the following financial statement(s):
The de Burlo Group Statement for November
PRIT Statement/Update for November

The Board reviewed the following wire transfers for the current month:

\$342.88 from PRIM to M&T Bank (distribution)
\$800,000 from M&T Bank to Florence Bank

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report on the Florence Bank account for November:

Bank statement: \$443,531.94

Outstanding disbursements/unrecorded receipts: \$303,861.03

Adjusted bank balance: \$139,670.91

Outstanding receipts: \$31,814.23

Trial Balance end of month balance: \$171,485.14

The Board reviewed the following make-up/buyback requests:

Tracy Harrity

Current member of the Northampton Retirement System requesting to purchase service from April 2003 to December 2004, for time prior to membership amounting to 7 months of creditable service for a cost of \$1,201.04 plus future interest.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

PERAC #30 Proposed Regulations Regarding Compliance with the IRS Code

PERAC #31 Annual Review of Medical Testing Fee

PERAC #32 Tobacco Company List

PERAC #33 Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training – 1st Quarter, 2023

PERAC #34 2022 Disability Data

Old Business

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Suprenant and seconded by Ms. Lafleche, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. (Karpinski: Yes, Lafleche: Yes, Suprenant: Yes).

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Retirement Administrator

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE NORTHAMPTON RETIREMENT BOARD ON 1/26/2023.

APPROVED:

_____ **Joyce Karpinski, Chairperson**

_____ **Karen Lafleche**

_____ **ABSENT** _____ **Charlene Nardi**

_____ **ABSENT** _____ **Thomas Sullivan**

_____ **Tammy Suprenant**