

Regular Meeting – May 31, 2017

The Taunton Retirement Board (the “Board”) met at 1:00 p.m. today at 104 Dean Street, Suite 203, Taunton, MA with Chairperson Ann Marie Hebert presiding and board members Gill E. Enos, Dennis M. Smith, Peter H. Corr, and Barry J. Amaral in attendance.

Roll Call

All members were present at the 1:00 p.m. roll call.

Also present were:

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Atty. Michael Sacco-retirement board attorney

Atty. Karen Hambleton, attorney for Olga Chaves

Olga Chaves-applicant

John Cabral, School Business Manager

Dawn Rabbitt-Dunn Reporting & Stenographer services

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Minutes –from the April 26, 2017 regular meeting.

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Warrants –#33 to #44 for 2017.

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Smith, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the warrants.

VOTE: 5-0-0

New members of the system to date:

- Cameron Durocher, Building Dept., Group 1, 9+2%
- George Lozado, Police, Group 4, 9+2%
- Linda Bussey, TNH, Group 1, 9+2%
- Alexandra Cambra, Police, Group 4, 9+2%
- Ronald Morgan, GATRA, Group 1, 9+2%
- Crystal Edhevarria, GATRA, Group 1, 9+2%
- Kurt Carlson, School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Kerri Blanton, GATRA, Group 1, 9+2%

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the new members.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Refunds/transfers subject to D.O.R. liens:

- Maria Matloff (THA)
- Wanda Galarza (GATRA)

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Smith, it was unanimously

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VOTED: to approve the refunds & transfers.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Retirement/survivorship applications:

- Glenn Cormier, TMLP, Group 4, Superannuation 6/1/17
- Virginia Bryan, TNH, Group 1, Superannuation 7/4/17
- Maria Ramos, School, Group 1, Superannuation 6/30/14
- Margaret Lopes, TNH, Group 1, Superannuation 7/13/17
- Karen Pietrzyk, School, Group 1, Superannuation, 9/2/17

On the motion by Smith, seconded by Enos, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the retirements & survivorships.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Deaths

- Joseph Goldrick (Police) deceased 5/6/17. Option B funds depleted.
- Antonio Martins (Nursing Home) deceased 5/10/17. Option B refund to beneficiary.
- Edward Hayes (Fire) Option C. Died 5/12/17. Survivorship payable to Patricia Hayes.
- Doreen Lounsbury, survivor of Frederick Lounsbury, deceased 5/14/17
- Helen Kay (Police) deceased 5/24/17. Option B funds depleted.

On the motion by Smith, seconded by Enos, it was unanimously

VOTED: to acknowledge deaths and place on file.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Make-up/redeposits and liability for creditable service: there were none.

PERAC Memo's and correspondence: there were none.

Investments & accounting:

- Accounting reports for m/e 01/31/2017, 02/28/2017 & 03/31/2017 - Trial Balance, Cash Receipts & Disbursements, and Journal Entries. Also Bristol County Savings Bank Checking account statement and reconciliation as of 03/31/2017. After the Board's full review of all reports, it was voted as follows:

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Smith, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the accounting reports and bank statement reconciliation.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- Investments Purchased (\$80,041,571.15) & Sold \$76,297,060.15 for m/e 03/31/2017.

On the motion by Smith, seconded by Enos, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the purchases and sales.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- Petty Cash invoices #259 thru #264 and replenish up to \$150.

On the motion by Smith, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve invoices and replenish up to \$150.00.

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Funding & Budget requests: there were none.

Travel, Education & Conferences:

- MACRS Conference, Hyannis, MA – June 4-7, 2017.

On the motion by Amaral, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize all board members and staff to attend the conference.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Legal matters:

- legal expenses of \$48.00 for m/e 04/30/2017 for Atty. Michael Sacco.

On the motion by Smith, seconded by Enos, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the legal expenses.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Email / Electronic Correspondence: there were none.

Executive Director's report:

- PROSPER – annual eligibility forms; Chapter 268A compliance pledge forms.

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously

VOTED: to receive and place on file.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- ADA – parking lot 4th space for handicap parking and related signage

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Amaral, it was unanimously

VOTED: to receive and place on file.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- Board member election. Member Smith's term expires 11/30/2017

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Amaral, it was unanimously

VOTED: to set election date for November 2, 2017 and to appoint Paul Slivinski, Kathy Maki & Karen Medeiros as election officers.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- Public Record Access Guidelines and draft was reviewed for posting on board website.

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Amaral, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve and post the guidelines.

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Board and Atty. Sacco discussed obtaining medical records on behalf of Chad Larivee who cannot sign the medical release form(s) due to his disability. A power-of-attorney was sent to records providers but they are not recognizing nor cooperating with sending the records.

On the motion by Amaral, seconded by Smith, it was unanimously

VOTED: to instruct Atty. Sacco to subpoena the medical records of Chad Larivee in order to process his application for Ordinary disability retirement.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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The Board and Atty. Michael Sacco met to conduct a pre-review of legal matters including the application for accidental disability of Olga Chaves.

Executive Session:

At 1:32 p.m., Chairperson Hebert entertained a motion by Enos, seconded by Corr to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss the application for Accidental Disability retirement for Olga Chaves. The Board noted that it would reconvene in open session following the executive session. VOTE: 5-0-0

A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Member Amaral “YES”; Member Enos “YES”; Member Corr “YES”; Member Hebert “YES”; Member Smith “YES”

(The minutes of the executive session are kept in a separate minute book)

Open Session 2:30 p.m.

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Smith, it was unanimously
VOTED: to record votes from executive session in open session.
VOTE: 5-0-0

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Amaral, it was unanimously
VOTED: to table the application for accidental disability retirement of Olga Chaves pending her physician reviewing a modified job description and reasonable job accommodation.
VOTE: 5-0-0

On the motion by Enos, seconded by Corr, it was unanimously
VOTED: to instruct Atty. Sacco to send a letter to interested parties in the Olga Chaves matter articulating the board’s decision.
VOTE: 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was voted to adjourn at 2:41 p.m.

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APPROVED BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Ann Marie Hebert, Ex-Officio, Chairperson

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Dennis Smith, Elected Member

Barry Amaral, Appointed Member

Peter H. Corr, Elected Member

Gill E. Enos, Appointed Member