

### **Special Meeting – November 5, 2025**

A Special monthly meeting of the Taunton Retirement Board (the “Board”) was called to order on November 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. At roll call, Board members present were Chairman Dennis M. Smith, Thomas A. Bernier, Barry J. Amaral, Gill E. Enos and Ian D. Fortes.

#### **Roll Call**

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

Also present were:

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Amy Kazlauskas, Taunton Human Resources Director

Jana Tremblay, Retirement Board Office Clerk

Jessica Gonsalves, Retirement Board Administrative Assistant

Ray Catuogno, Real Time Court Reporting (stenographer)

Chairman Smith addressed the board and noted that he was recusing himself from the meeting due to a recent issue off the job with retirement staff employee Jessica Gonsalves. Chairman Smith removed himself from the meeting at 1:03 p.m. and Vice-Chair Bernier became Acting Chairman.

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

**VOTED:** Excuse board member Smith from the meeting.

VOTE: 4-0-0

#### **Executive Session:**

At 1:03 p.m., Acting Chairman Bernier entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss workplace conduct policy and investigate an employee incident within the office. The Board noted that it would reconvene in open session following the executive session.

A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Member Amaral “Yes”; Member Bernier “Yes”, Member Enos “Yes”, Member Fortes “Yes”. VOTE: 4-0-0

*(The minutes of the executive session are kept in a separate minute book and will be reviewed for disclosure at a future date)*

OPEN session meeting returned at 2:05 p.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION:**

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

**VOTED:** to record the votes taken from executive session in open session.

VOTE: 4-0-0

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

**VOTED:** to have the Executive Director & HR Director draft a letter of reprimand for retirement board employees Jana Tremblay and Jessica Gonsalves to be reviewed at the next regular meeting. (11/19/2025)

VOTE: 4-0-0

There being no further business to come before the board, it was voted to adjourn at 2:06 p.m.

APPROVED BOARD OF RETIREMENT

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Ian D. Fortes, Ex-Officio Member

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Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

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Recused from meeting  
Dennis M. Smith, Elected Member, Chair

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Barry J. Amaral, Appointed Member

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Thomas A. Bernier, Vice-Chairman

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Gill E. Enos, Appointed Member