

Regular Meeting – December 17, 2025

The Taunton Retirement Board (the “Board”) met at 11:30 a.m. today at the retirement board offices, 104 Dean St., Suite 203, Taunton, MA with Vice Chairman Thomas Bernier presiding and board members Barry J. Amaral, Ian D. Fortes and Gill Enos were in attendance.

Roll Call

All members were present at the 11:30 a.m. roll call except Chairman Smith who was absent.

Also present were:

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Karen Medeiros, Asst. Exec. Director

Vice-chairman Bernier became chairman for this current meeting.

Regular Business:

Minutes: from the November 19, 2025 regular and executive session.

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

VOTED: to approve November 19, 2025 regular and executive session minutes.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Warrants: #101 thru #110 for 2025

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

VOTED: to approve the warrants.

VOTE: 4-0-0

New members:

- Kerrie Mullen, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Talisa Bell, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Cade Bartlett, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Cecelia Moreira, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Marjorie Paul Jean Baptiste, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Jean O’Dea, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Alicia Goodridge, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Donna Waterman, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Dwayne Farley, Human Resources, Group 1, 9+2%
- Kaylee Sanchez, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%
- Zuleima Ruiz, Taunton Public School, Group 1, 9+2%

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

VOTED: to approve the new members as amended.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Refunds/transfers:

- Hillary Bresnahan, School Dept. Taunton 08/08/2023 to 03/25/2024- Transfer to Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System, *Taunton will accept 7 months of liability under G.L. c. 32, section 3 (8)c on a 12 month basis.*
- Pereira, Annyssia, Taunton Public School, Refund, Taunton-03/07/2022-07/21/2022, 4 months; State service 11/1/2016-6/10/2017, 7 mos.

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

VOTED: to approve the refunds/transfers.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Retirements/survivorship applications

- Anthony Abreau, DPW, Group 1, DOR: 12/31/25
- Frederic J. Cornaglia, DPW, Group 1, DOR: 1/10/26
- Lorin Gosling, School, Group 1, DOR: 12/31/25
- Nelson Mota, Fire, Group 4, DOR: 1/3/26

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

VOTED: to approve the retirements/survivorships.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Deaths:

- Arthur Lopes, Superannuation, DOD: 11/19/2025, Option B – all funds used up. Margaret Lopes, Taunton Nursing Home, Superannuation, Pop Up from Option C to Option A due to death of Arthur Lopes on 11/19/2025.
- Joan Smith, DOD 12/2/2025 - Opt C survivor of Robert L. Smith – no further benefits.
- Aurea Plaza, Superannuation, DOD: 12/8/25, Option B, all funds used, no further benefits.

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

VOTED: to acknowledge deaths and place on file.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Makeups/redeposits: there were none.

PERAC memo's:

- PERAC Memo #33/2025 – Violent Act Injury Disability – Recent Legislative Changes
- PERAC Memo #34/2025- Proposed Amendment to Electronic Signature Regulations
- PERAC Memo #35/2025 – 2025 Disability Data Changes

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

VOTED: to receive and place the PERAC memos on file.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Investments/accounting:

- Accounting reports for m/e 10/31/2025–trial balance, cash receipts & disbursements, journal entries, and general ledger. After the board's full review of all reports, the board voted as follows:

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

VOTED: to approve the accounting reports for m/e 10/31/2025.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Bristol County & IntraFi bank account statements and reconciliations for m/e 10/31/2025.

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

VOTED: to approve the bank statements and reconciliations for m/e 10/31/2025.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Investment Purchases (\$11,208,658.17) & Sales \$11,208,658.17 m/e 10/31/2025 from Wilmington Trust statements.

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

VOTED: to approve and place on file the investments purchased & sold for m/e 10/31/2025.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Military Service Fund appropriation \$6,419.38 for Juan X. Valencia (Fire) for deployment from April 10, 2025 thru November 26, 2025.

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

VOTED: to approve the military service fund appropriation \$6,419.38 for Juan X. Valencia (Fire) for deployment from 04/10/2025 thru 11/26/2025 and send to PERAC for approval.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Funding & Budget:

- Budget expenditures and account balances as of m/e 11/30/2025.
- Retirement expense budget – calendar year 2026

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

VOTED: to approve expenditures, account balances as of 11/30/2025 and funding the retirement expense budget calendar year 2026.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Travel, Education & Conferences: There were none.

Legal matters:

- Legal expenses for m/e 11/30/2025 from Sacco & Collins, P.C. \$949.00

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

VOTED: to approve the legal expenses for m/e 11/30/2025.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Legal analysis for side-letter for Ceres Farms re-hire and upcoming new fund.

Ex. Director Slivinski provided an update to the board that letters are being sent to get the investment into compliance.

- DALA appeal results – Scott Wentworth v. Taunton Retirement Board

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

VOTED: to receive the DALA appeal report results on Scott Wentworth and place on file.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Executive Director's report

- Review applicants for 5th member of the retirement board

Ex. Director Slivinski updated the board that there have been 4 applicants for the 5th member position.

Ed Masterson, Ed Spellman, Jeannie Martineau and Tom Hoye.

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

VOTED: to interview all of the candidates via zoom at the January 28, 2026 board meeting.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (current 5th member Amaral not participating)

- Safe Harbor sick time – regular compensation and pensionable

Ex. Director Slivinski updated the board that no pension deduction was taken out of Safe Harbor sick time for Anthony Abreau and Charlene Bonenefant. This has been corrected and a makeup payment has been calculated. Mr. Abreau is writing a check to make his account whole and Ms. Bonenefant will be doing a weekly deduction until the funds have been recovered. The issue has also been addressed within Harper's software.

- January 28, 2026 meeting – employee evaluations

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

VOTED: to table the employee evaluations to the February 2026 board meeting.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Board Member Enos announced that this would be his last meeting and he would be resigning from the board.

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

VOTED: to adjourn

VOTE: 4-0-0

There being no further business to come before the board, it was voted to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVED BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Barry J. Amaral, Appointed member

Thomas A. Bernier, Elected member

Gill E. Enos, Mayoral appointed member

Ian D. Fortes, Ex-officio member

Absent
Dennis M. Smith, Elected member/Chair

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Karen Medeiros, Asst. Ex. Director