

Special Meeting – April 1, 2026

The Taunton Retirement Board (the “Board”) met at 1:00 pm today at the retirement board offices, 104 Dean St., Suite 203, Taunton, MA with Chairman Dennis M. Smith presiding and board members Patrick D. DelloRusso Jr., Thomas A. Bernier, Ian D. Fortes and Edward J. Spellman, Jr. in attendance.

Roll Call

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

Also present were:

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director

Jessica Gonsalves, Admin. Assistant

The Board met to continue employee evaluations and contracts/raises.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Retirement staff employee annual evaluations-Executive Director
- Retirement contracts/raises for retirement staff for calendar year 2026.

At 1:01 p.m., Chairman Smith entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss retirement staff evaluations with the Ex. Director as well as upcoming contract renewals for staff. 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 Bernier “Yes”; Member DelloRusso “Yes”, Member Fortes “Yes”, Member Smith “Yes”; Member Spellman “Yes.” VOTE: 5-0-0

(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 3:06 p.m.

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

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

On the motion by DelloRusso, seconded by Fortes, it was

VOTED: to determine raises independently instead of as a group.

VOTE: 3-2-0

A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Member Bernier “No”; Member DelloRusso “Yes”, Member Fortes “Yes”, Member Smith “No”; Member Spellman “Yes.” Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was voted to adjourn at 3:12 p.m.

APPROVED BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Edward J. Spellman, Jr., Appointed member

Thomas A. Bernier, Elected member

Dennis M. Smith, Elected member/Chair

Ian D. Fortes, Ex-officio member

Patrick D. DelloRusso, Jr.
Mayoral appointed member

Paul J. Slivinski, Executive Director