

A meeting of the Dedham Retirement Board having been duly noticed, was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the office of the Retirement Board, 202 Bussey Street. Pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Order of the Governor Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law along with subsequent extensions of that Order, Board members and members of the public have access to the meeting via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81182796881> Meeting ID: 811 8279 6881; One tap mobile # +13052241968,,81182796881# US (New York). The following were present:

Thomas Rorrie  
Shannon MacKenzie  
Barbara Isberg, Director  
James Quirk, Attorney

Stephen MacDougall - **ABSENT**  
Michael Butler  
Kevin McCarthy, Dep. Director

Chairman Rorrie called a roll call to ensure the Board members listed above were all present either in person or online:

Mr. Rorrie	Present	Ms. MacKenzie	Present
Mr. Butler	Present		

Mr. Rorrie called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

**Accounting/Reconciliation:**

Chairman Rorrie indicated that the Cash Book binders on the table with a copy emailed to those participating remotely, had been reviewed and all is in order for December 2022 – February 2023.

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To approve the Cash Books for December 2022 – February 2023.

**Warrants:**

The members reviewed and approved the April warrants.

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To ratify the April vouchers as prepared.

**Minutes:**

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting.

**Executive Minutes:**

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. MacKenzie seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To approve the Executive Minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup> & February 16, 2023 meetings.

**2022 Annual Statement:**

The 2022 Annual Statement was presented. This year’s statement will be submitted via PERAC’s Prosper and each Board Member will need to certify the report from within that portal. After a discussion of the financial activity for the year with each Board Member receiving satisfactory responses to all their questions,

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To approve the 2022 Annual Statement as prepared.

**Budget-to-Actual:**

The Final 2022 Budget-to-Actual was reviewed. It was noted that the Total Operating Costs for the year were \$1,251,075, 4% under budget for the year.

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To accept the Budget-to-Actual Operating Costs for the Year-Ended of 2022 as prepared.

**Option D Benefits:**

Firefighter Christopher Clark was an active member of the Dedham Retirement Board and passed away in an automobile accident on February 5, 2023. His ex-wife, Gina Clark, was his Option D Beneficiary on file and he had not remarried. Attorney Quirk presented the facts and stated that Mrs. Clark has the legal rights to the benefit pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, §12(2)(d) even though they were divorced at the time of the accident.

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To award the nominated Option D beneficiary, Gina Clark, the benefits she is entitled to under MGL Ch 32, §12(2)(d) of her ex-husband Christopher Clark.

**Director’s Report:**

Director Isberg began by thanking members Ms. MacKenzie and Mr. Butler for their presentation on April 12<sup>th</sup> to the Dedham Select Board requesting the additional 2% COLA for F/Y ’23. The Select Board unanimously approved the proposal. For those members who retired before July 1, 2021, and currently receiving a COLA in their monthly pension, they will receive an additional 2% on the first \$15,000 of their allowance for a maximum yearly increase of \$300. This will be a one-time payment made retroactively in a single lump sum in their June 30, 2023 allowance.

At the Dedham Select Board meeting held on April 12, 2023, Powers & Sullivan stated during their presentation of the F/Y ’22 audit results, that there was an unresolved finding relating to retirement deductions. The Board is unaware of any open items as it relates to this item. Ms. MacKenzie will inquire as to what this pertains to for further discussion later.

The annual MACRS conference will be held in Hyannis June 4 – 7. Anyone wishing to attend should let Ms. Isberg know so she may register them.

The annual COLA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. Retirees and members of the public will have access to the meeting remotely via Zoom and are welcome to attend in person.

Fire Chief William Spillane will turn 65 in mid-April. The Town has agreed to extend his contract beyond April. Chief Spillane’s retirement deductions will cease at the end of business on April 30<sup>th</sup> and he will no longer accrue any creditable service time. Attorney Quirk stated that, since Chief Spillane is continuing to work within the same retirement system, the Town will not be required to make deductions into OBRA.

Director Isberg concluded her report with PERAC Memo #11/2023 RE: Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers. With the passage of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 on March 29, 2023, by the Legislature and the Governor, retirement boards may continue to hold meetings without a physical quorum or the chair physically present until March 31, 2025.

**Executive Session:**

A roll call vote was taken to convene into Executive Session at approximately 11:18 A.M. to discuss the retirement account status of the town’s former Veterans Officer, William Aitken.

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

A roll call vote was taken to go exit the Executive Session at roughly 11:25 A.M.

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

There was no vote taken in the executive session.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:30 P.M.

Ms. MacKenzie moved, Mr. Butler seconded, and on a roll call vote:

Mr. Rorrie	Yes	Ms. MacKenzie	Yes
Mr. Butler	Yes		

**Voted:** To adjourn at 11:28 A.M.

_____ Thomas Rorrie, Chairman	_____ <b>ABSENT</b> Stephen MacDougall
_____ Shannon MacKenzie	_____ Michael Butler