

A meeting of the Dedham Retirement Board having been duly noticed, was held on Wednesday, July 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, Board members and members of the public have access to the meeting via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83091334875> Meeting ID: 830 9133 4875; Dial by location #+1.929.436.2866 US (New York). The following were present:

Thomas Rorrie	Stephen MacDougall
Shannon MacKenzie	Michael Doyle
Adam Satriano	Barbara Isberg, Director
Kevin McCarthy, Dep. Director	James Quirk, Attorney

In addition to the individuals listed above, former Board Member Michael Butler was also present.

With all Board Members present in person, Chairman Rorrie called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and began the meeting by welcoming the new Selectboard's Appointed Member, Adam Satriano. At the July 13, 2023, Selectboard meeting it was voted to appoint meeting Mr. Satriano to serve out the unexpired three-year term of Mr. Bulter, who resigned the position which will expire in June 2025.

Accounting/Reconciliation:

Chairman Rorrie indicated that the Cash Book binder on the table had been reviewed and all is in order through May 31, 2023.

Ms. Mackenzie moved, Mr. MacDougall seconded, and it was unanimously:

Voted: To approve the Cash Books through May 31, 2023.

Warrants:

The members reviewed and approved the July warrants.

Mr. MacDougall moved, Mr. Doyle seconded, and it was unanimously:

Voted: To ratify the July 2023 vouchers as prepared.

Minutes:

The discussion of the minutes from the June 21, 2023, meeting was tabled.

Executive Minutes:

Ms. Mackenzie moved, Mr. Doyle seconded, and with Mr. Satriano abstaining, it was:

Voted: To approve the executive minutes from the June 21, 2023, meeting.

Director’s Report:

Director Isberg informed the Board that PERAC’s *Emerging Issues* will be held once again at the Hogan Campus Center, College of the Holy Cross, on September 21st from 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Also, the *MACRS Fall Conference* will be held from October 1 – 4 in Springfield. Neither agendum has been posted as of today and if anyone wishes to attend, they may either register via Prosper or let her know and she will register them.

Ms. Isberg asked Attorney Quirk to provide a brief update regarding two inactive members, Kevin Davis and William Ralph. Mr. Davis has passed away and there is a question surrounding the surviving spouse benefits that may be available to the ex-wife. The question remains as to whether she may have remarried and, if so, how that may change the benefits payable to her, if any. As for Mr. Ralph, he served as an auxiliary police officer in Dedham and has inquired about purchasing that non-membership time. Attorney Quirk cited several recent cases that may impact that decision.

Director Isberg then stated that an active member has recently inquired about retirement benefits that they may be entitled to. The individual was originally a member of another Board in Group 2. As a member here in Dedham, they are in Group 1. The question involves how the retirement allowance benefits would be calculated if they were to return to a Group 2 position for at least a year before they retire. As this is an unusual situation, additional research is being carried out.

Attorney Quirk provide some insight into a recent memo from the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) dated July 14, 2023, regarding *Updated Information for Inclusion in Appealable Decisions*.

Before the meeting concluded, Chairman Rorrie thanked Mr. Butler for of his service to the Board the past several years and the appreciation by the rest of the Board Members and staff was echoed.

The next board meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M. on August 16, 2023.

Ms. Mackenzie moved, Mr. MacDougall seconded, and it was unanimously:

Voted: To adjourn at 11:40 A.M.

Thomas Rorrie, Chairman

Stephen MacDougall

Shannon MacKenzie

Michael Doyle

Adam Satriano