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Winthrop Contributory Retirement System Board Meeting
1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, Massachusetts, Harvey Hearing Room
Minutes from the Meeting Held on July 26, 2022, 4:00 PM
Present Were: Karin Chavis James Feeley Dennis Boudrow Terence Delehanty
Also Present: **Attorney Michael Sacco, *Ralph Cali and Retirement Coordinator, Michelle Church

Chairwoman Chavis called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss Ralph Cali 91(b) overearnings. Chairwoman Chavis provided a brief synopsis regarding the overearnings of Mr. Cali dating back to 2011. She stated that at the June 2022 meeting the Board voted to start withholding \$1,100.00 starting with the July 2022 pension payment. Mr. Cali was notified by mail and informed he could appear before the Board to discuss. Mr. Cali stated he had concerns as to the amount being deducted since it is summer and he is not working for the School Department. Terence Delehanty stated his concern is Mr. Cali's hours and earnings in the future and accruing liability. Mr. Cali had questioned what the DALA Board decision could possibly mean for repayment of the earnings. In addition, Mr. Cali stated he was not clear on filing with DALA if it had stopped the repayment process. Terence Delehanty explained that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to collect the funds and asked if Mr. Cali had a proposal to the Board on the payment plan. Mr. Cali had stated he considered putting down a lump sum or possibly getting a loan to pay off the full amount. Chairwoman Chavis asked Attorney Sacco what would happen if Mr. Cali were to pass, what would then happen to collection of funds? Attorney Sacco stated the Board would be able to go after the estate to try to recoup funds. He further clarified that the appeal board will review the figures, but beyond that it does not have the discretion to change whatever payment plan the Board has established. Attorney Sacco recommended that if the Board enters a payment plan that the Board has Mr. Cali sign a promissory note. Attorney Sacco did state that Mr. Cali was given the chance to provide financial statements to the Board and at that point the Board may be able to consider a different payment plan. Mr. Cali asked if there was a way for the Board to put off its decision for one more month and Chairwoman Chavis explained that the withholding had already started with the July payment and it will also be deducted for the August payment when the Board meets again August 30th. Mr. Cali stated he would like to discuss with his wife and asked to revisit this in August. Chairwoman Chavis stated that the discussion will be tabled to next month. *Mr. Cali then left the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the pensionable status of one-time remuneration stipend. The Retirement Coordinator stated that the Deputy Treasurer who is set to retire on August 1st, has been serving as the full time Treasurer since the departure on July 8, 2021 of the previous Town Treasurer, and has been given a one lump sum payment for services provided for the last year. The question is now whether this is pensionable or not. Attorney Sacco stated that things that are of a temporary nature in duties questions whether it should be considered regular compensation. Attorney Sacco stated he did not believe it was regular compensation but believes the Board should seek an opinion from PERAC. Terence Delehanty stated that why he was serving as interim town manager, there was discussion to increase Ms. Rappa's rate of pay since she was performing the full job as Treasurer for a year now since per town charter, a full-time replacement could not be hired. Karin Chavis stated the item will be tabled until we get an answer for PERAC. **At this time Attorney Sacco left the meeting.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by James Feeley, to approve the COLA Retirement Board minutes for the meeting held on June 28, 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve the Retirement Board minutes for the meeting held on June 28, 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by James Feeley, seconded by Terence Delehanty, to approve the Retirement System Warrants dated June 2, 2022, and July 13, 2022, net payment of zero to replace returned deposit and lost checks. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve the Retirement System Warrant (Payroll, Accounts Payable, Investment transfers) for July 2022 in the amount of \$438,961.84. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by James Feeley, to approve the Eastern Bank Statement and Reconciliation for June 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to transfer funds, in the amount of \$250,000, effective August 1, 2022, from PRIM to Eastern Bank to cover payroll and accounts payable for August 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by James Feeley, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve William Hagemester's Application for Voluntary Superannuation Option B, effective June 28, 2022. William was a Winthrop Police Officer with 32.0833 years of creditable service. The motion passed 3-0 with Terence Delehanty abstaining.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by James Feeley, to approve Kathleen Rappa's Application for Voluntary Superannuation Option B, effective August 1, 2022. Kathy was the Deputy Treasurer with 10 years of creditable service. The motion passed unanimously.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by James Feeley, to approve the Retirement Coordinator's Longevity payment effective July 1, 2022, in the amount of \$975.00. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

The Retirement Coordinator stated the system is not quite up and running since the scan feature is not complete. Board members who are members and retirees of the system were emailed the link to look at the system and their profiles.

Chairwoman Chavis discussed that 28 more cities and towns were given a COLA base increase. It was noted that State retirees and teachers were given a 5% COLA. The Board discussed they would like this item to stay on the agenda.

New Business

Administrators Announcements:

PERAC Memo #17/2022 3rd Quarter Board Member Training was emailed to the Board on July 11, 2022

PERAC Memo #18/2022 Expiration of Open Meeting Law Waiver emailed to the Board on July 13, 2022

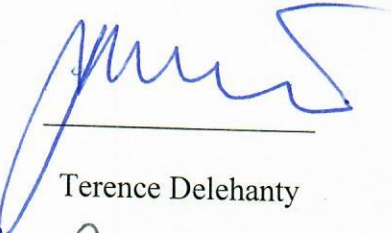
PERAC Memo #19/2022 Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers emailed to Board on July 19, 2022

PERAC auditors are on site auditing the records of the Retirement System for the years, 2016 – 2019. The Retirement Coordinator stated that the auditor was pulled to work on another audit and no return date has been set.

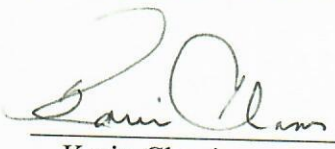
COLA increases effective July 1, 2022, are reflected in this month's retirement allowances

The next meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2022, at 3:30 in the Harvey Room.

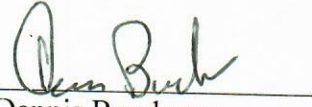
Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by James Feeley, to adjourn at 4:56PM. The motion passed 4-0.



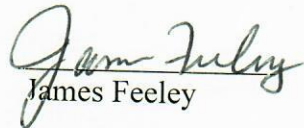
Terence Delehanty



Karin Chavis



Dennis Boudrow



James Feeley