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**Winthrop Contributory Retirement System Board Meeting
1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, Massachusetts, Harvey Hearing Room
and via Zoom**

Minutes from the Meeting Held on June 27, 2023, 4:00 PM

Present Were: Karin Chavis (via Zoom) Dennis Boudrow Dylan Cook Terence Delehanty James Feeley
Also Present: Attorney Michael Sacco, via Zoom**

Karin Chavis called the meeting to Order at 4:01 PM and the Retirement Coordinator called the roll call.

Karin Chavis – Present

Dylan Cook - Present

Terence Delehanty – Present

Dennis Boudrow – Present

**James Feeley – Not Present

Chairwoman Chavis stated Attorney Sacco was present via Zoom to discuss reserve time but asked that we take the agenda out of order until Board member Feeley dialed into the meeting.

The vote to approve the Retirement Board minutes for the COLA and regular meeting held on March 28, 2023, will be moved to the July meeting.

Voted on a motion by Dennis Boudrow, seconded by Dylan Cook, to approve the Retirement Board minutes for the meeting held on May 30, 2023. After a roll call vote the motion passed 3-0 with Terence Delehanty abstaining.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve the Eastern Bank Statement and Reconciliation for May 2023 in the amount of \$839,307.50. After a roll call vote the motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Dennis Boudrow, seconded by Terence Delehanty, to approve the Trial Balance, Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, General Ledger and Adjustments for May 2023. After a roll call vote the motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve the following refund of accumulated deductions effective June 30, 2023:

James Carroll Program Coordinator Parks & Recreation

Dates of service: 11/19/2018 – 3/6/2023 4.2500 years

After a roll call vote the motion passed 4-0.

**At this time James Feeley dialed into the meeting by phone and Chairwoman asked Attorney Sacco to proceed. Discuss/vote former Officer Robert Hurley's Section 3(5) regarding reserve police service Section 4(2)(b) for the period October 5, 1995 – March 31, 1996. Attorney Sacco reviewed the Gomes decision as it applies to Section 4(2)(b) how it should be interpreted and applies to reserve officers and stated Winthrop has had its fair share of issues with some officers having payroll records and others who have no records receiving the service for free. Attorney Sacco stated the first course of action would be for Mr. Hurley to contact the Boston Retirement Board and request purchase of service since he did not purchase reserve time while in Winthrop. Attorney Sacco recommended that WRB accept liability and have Mr. Hurley direct his request to Boston Retirement Board under Section 3 (5) regarding rendering service in another system. He believes if Winthrop denies the liability the Board would likely lose at DALA then be challenged. He believes that this would set precedence that we would have to grant others the time as well. He feels that there is no need for a Board vote currently and to wait for Boston to send a letter requesting 3(8)(c) liability. Board member Delehanty stated that at this time the current population has payroll records and therefore diminishing the problem going forward. Chairwoman Chavis stated the Board should wait for Boston to notify the WRB first and Mr. Hurley should initiate request with Boston.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dylan Cook to table the item.

After a roll call vote the motion passed 5-0. **At this time James Feeley and Attorney Sacco left the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Voted on a motion by Dennis Boudrow, seconded by Terence Delehanty, to approve the Retirement System Warrant (Payroll, Accounts Payable, Investment transfers) for May 2023 in the amount of \$573,179.64. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve Kathleen Gutowski's Application for Voluntary Superannuation Option B, effective July 13, 2023. Kathy was employed by the DPW as a clerk with 32.3333 years of creditable service. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dylan Cook, to approve the acceptance of Eric Monahan, effective June 14, 2023, at 9% + 2%, \$41,860.00, full time. Eric is employed by the Health Department as a peer recovery coach. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve Sarko Gergerian's request to buyback his reserve employment with Winthrop Police prior to entering the Winthrop Retirement System as a full-time police officer on September 16, 2013. Once payment is received in full, he shall be awarded 1 year and 8 months of creditable service for the period January 1, 2012, through September 15, 2013. Payment options are available and interest will accrue on the unpaid balance. The motion passed 4-0.

Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow, to approve Nicholas Disciscio's request to buyback his reserve employment with Winthrop Police prior to entering the Winthrop Retirement System as a full-time police officer on April 9, 2023. Once payment is received in full, he shall be awarded 2 months of creditable service for the period February 1, 2023, through April 8, 2023. Payment options are available and interest will accrue on the unpaid balance. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairwoman Chavis stated the next item on the agenda was to discuss/vote the Retirement Coordinator's COLA and Longevity payment effective July 1, 2023. Dylan Cook stated all non-unions were being awarded a 2% COLA. Voted on a motion from Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dennis Boudrow to award the retirement coordinator a 2% COLA increase and longevity payment of \$1,175 that follows the Town. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

The Retirement Coordinator stated that Chairwoman Chavis' term as 5th Board Member position was set to end on August 30, 2023. A notice will be submitted to PERAC for posting and will be posted to the Town website as well.

Administrators Announcements:

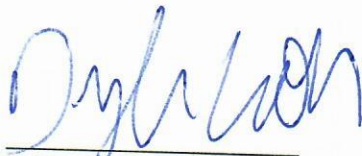
GIC health insurance rate changes effective July 1, 2023, are reflected in this month's retirement allowances

Board member Dylan Cook and Coordinator Michelle Church participated in the MACRS Conference June 5th – 7th.

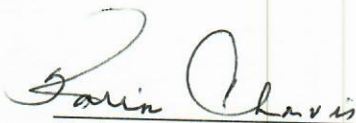
Section 9 beneficiary, Judith Riley passed away on April 5, 2023.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2023, at 4:00PM in the Harvey Room.

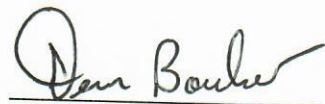
Voted on a motion by Terence Delehanty, seconded by Dylan Cook to adjourn at 4:35 PM. The motion passed 4-0.



Dylan Cook



Karin Chavis



Dennis Boudrow

Terence Delehanty

James Feeley