

Revere Retirement Board

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022 - 10:15 a.m.

At a meeting of the Revere Retirement System (RRS), held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:29 a.m. at 14 Yeamans St., Suite C2, Revere, the following Revere Retirement Board (RRB), members participated: Mr. Viscay, Ms. Cody, Mr. Manion, Mr. Cullen and Mr. Cataldo. Also participating in the meeting: Mr. Zapolin, Retirement Administrator. Mr. Zaleznik, Board Counsel, participated remotely.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Agenda Item 2a - Approval of Board Minutes

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the regular minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting of the RRB.

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Manion moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to take matters out of order.

Agenda Item 12a – Executive Session – Disability Application

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 (Mr. Viscay-yes, Ms. Cody-yes, Mr. Manion-yes, Mr. Cullen-yes, Mr. Cataldo-yes) to convene in executive session to “discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual;” MGL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1); specifically, to discuss the physical condition and mental health of Joseph Covino. Mr. Covino, his counsel Daniel Fogarty and his counsellor Jeffrey Zeizel participated. Mr. Viscay noted the reasons for the executive session and noted that the RRB would convene in public session after the executive session. The RRB will maintain minutes of the executive session. The RRB again convened in public session.

On a negative vote, Mr. Cullen moving, the RRB voting 2-3 (Mr. Viscay-no, Ms. Cody-no, Mr. Manion-yes, Mr. Cullen-yes, Mr. Cataldo-no) to approve the accidental disability retirement application of Joseph Covino based on the PERAC medical panel and UMass Medical School DES opinion.

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to seek clarification from the medical panel and UMass Medical School DES on issues related to causation and medical records. Mr. Zaleznik will draft clarification questions.

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the ordinary disability application of Joseph Covino based on the PERAC medical panel and UMass Medical School DES opinion, without prejudice to further action. Mr. Zaleznik will draft findings of fact.

The Board returned to the regular order of business.

Agenda Item 3 - Legal Matters

The RRB discussed the option selection issue of the late Thomas Doherty. Mr. Zaleznik reviewed the issue and PERAC's opinion letter. On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve paying Option C benefits to Mr. Doherty's spouse, Marilyn Doherty. Mr. Zapolin discussed that the Retirement Analyst had gone through all retiree files and determined that only one other retiree did not properly select an Option C beneficiary and that beneficiary pre-deceased the retiree. Mr. Zaleznik also reviewed the *Bisignani v. Justices of the Lynn Division of the District Court et al.* decision concerning pension forfeiture.

Mr. Zaleznik left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Agenda Item 4- Unfinished Business

Mr. Zapolin discussed that Robert Barry had submitted a completed Annual Affidavit to the Board after receiving service from the Sherriff. On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to place the matter on file.

Agenda Item 5 - New Enrollments

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the memberships of Ernie Calavritinos, Retirement, 12/20/2021, Anthony Cogliandro, City Council, 1/1/2022, Claudia Correa, HR, 1/4/2022, Nicolette Deveau, Health, 12/13/2021, Paul Fahey, Elections, 12/13/2021, Daniel Fitzgerald, Police, 1/18/2022, John Kingston, School, 1/1/2022, Catherine Russo, School, 11/29/2021 and Ariana Sarro, MNRECC, 12/30/2021.

Agenda Item 6 - New Retirements

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the retirement of Marion Flynn, School, 1/8/2022, Super Option B \$5,384.28, subject to PERAC calculation approval.

Agenda Item 7 – Changes in Benefits

The RRB noted the passing of Rita Flynn (survivor of Henry Flynn), Fire, 1/5/2022 and Gerald Pollastrone, Housing, 12/15/2021.

Agenda Item 8 – Survivor Benefits

Mr. Zapolin discussed the application for benefits under MGL c. 32, s, 12(2)(d) of Raymond Nickerson, survivor of Priscilla Nickerson. Mr. Zapolin noted that Ms. Nickerson had not named an Option D beneficiary and lacked two years of creditable service, even after looking at the potential for Mr. Nickerson to purchase creditable service for Ms. Nickerson's non-membership employment. On an affirmative vote, Mr. Manion moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to deny Mr. Nickerson's application for benefit under MGL c. 32, s, 12(2)(d) and to pay the balance of Ms. Nickerson's annuity savings fund to Rose Lydon, Ms. Nickerson's beneficiary. Mr. Zapolin will notify Mr. Nickerson and Ms. Lydon.

Agenda Item 9 – Disability Benefit Awards – N/A

Agenda Item 10 – Awards of Creditable Service/Approval of Installment Plans/Acceptance of Liability

On an affirmative vote, Ms. Cody moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the service purchase of Anthony Gulizia, 2m, \$519.28, transfer in from State Retirement Board FBO L Maida, 13y2m, \$125,331.39, transfer in from Danvers Retirement Board FBO C Pieroni, 2y7m, \$19,058.57 and the service buyback of Farida Taleb, 1y1m, \$2,519.59.

Agenda Item 11- Approval of Warrant

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the transfer from PRIT to Bank of America in the amount of \$1,548,000.00 to fund the January 2022 retiree payroll.

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to approve the following warrant expenditures: \$3,500.00 to Lawson & Weitzen LLP, \$3,500.00 to Yeamans St. Investment LLC for rent, \$279.93 to Verizon Wireless, \$319.52 to NationalGrid, \$337.85 to Comcast Business, \$65.48 to WB Mason, \$6.36 to Crystal Rock, \$480.00 to Sil and Viny Cleaning, \$10,000.00 to Powers & Sullivan LLP, \$2,000.00 to Pension Benefit Info Inc, \$39.20 to Essex County Sheriff Dept. for civil service, \$654.00 to Madison Group, \$108.00 to The Advocate Newspaper Inc., \$600.00 to MACRS, \$187.15 to Ricoh USA Inc and \$9,475.97 to MHFA RB for 3(8)(c) reimbursement.

On an affirmative vote, Mr. Cataldo moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to acknowledge the December 2021 RRS retiree payroll in the amount of \$1,498,288.82 and the December 2021 RRB payroll in the amount of \$22,749.34.

Agenda Item 12b – Litigation Strategy

There was no update.

Agenda Item 13-New Business/Review of Administrative Items – N/A

Agenda Item 14a– Administrative/Other Items

Mr. Zapolin reviewed the new Assistant Retirement Administrator's progress. Mr. Zapolin also discussed the possibility of changing from deductions to ACH direct deposits for credit unions. Mr. Zapolin will follow up with the Fire Credit Union.

The RRB acknowledged receipt of \$519.28 from Anthony Gulizia for service purchase, \$5,500.00 from Mass NAHRO for WC offset release FBO A Cosica, \$42.36 from Leo MacAskill for med. fee reimbursement. \$6,000.00 from CCMSI for WC offset release FBO L DiPlatzi, \$125,331.39 from State RB for transfer in FBO L Maida, \$19,058.57 from Danvers RB for transfer in FBO C Pieroni, and \$2,519.59 from Farida Taleb for service purchase.

Agenda Item 14b– Administrator's Report

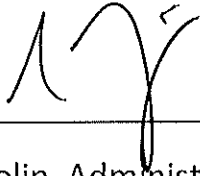
On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to accept for November 2021: the Budget Report, Cash Flow Report, Trial Balance, Adjustments, Cash Receipts Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reconciliation and PRIT report.

Agenda Item 15- Communications

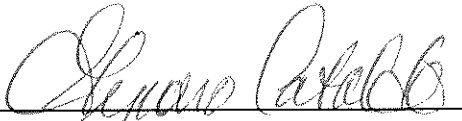
On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to place the following correspondence on file: PERAC Memo #6/2022 Mandatory RB Member Training 1Q22, PERAC Memo #5/2022 2022 Interest Rate, Clarification of Previous COLA, Notice, PERAC Memo #4/2022 COLA Notice, PERAC Memo #3/2022 2022 Limits Under Section 23 of Chapter 131, PERAC Memo #2/2022 2020 Limits under Chapter 46, PERAC Memo #1/2022 Fraud Attempt, PERAC Memo #35/2021 Annual Review of Medical Testing Fee, PERAC Memo #34/2021 2021 Disability Data, PERAC Memo #33/2021 Tobacco Co List and the Appeal Court decision in *Bisignani v Lynn District Court et al.*

Agenda Item 16 – Other Inquiries not available – N/A

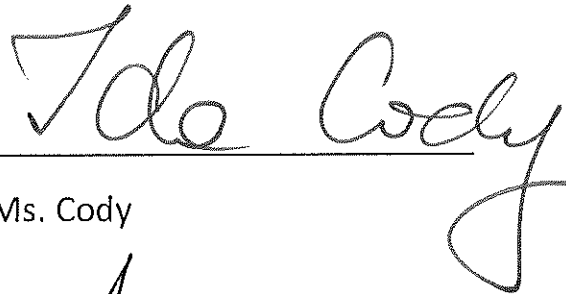
On an affirmative vote, Mr. Viscay moving, the RRB voting 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 a.m.



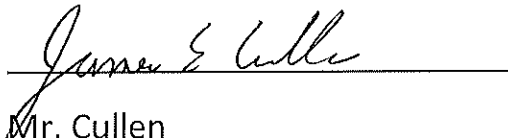
Mr. Zapolin, Administrator




Mr. Cataldo



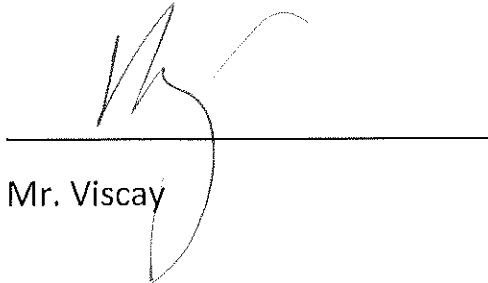
Ms. Cody



Mr. Cullen



Mr. Manion



Mr. Viscay

