

Berkshire County Retirement Board Meeting
June 26, 2019

The meeting of the Berkshire County Retirement Board was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Retirement Office, located at 29 Dunham Mall, Pittsfield, MA. Present at the meeting were, Michael Ovitt, Chairman, Mark Bashara, Elected Member, and Gerald Doyle Jr., Appointed Member. Karen Williams, Elected Member, Paul A. Lisi, Jr., Advisory Board Member were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public have an opportunity to address the Retirement Board.

MINUTES:

1.) The Board minutes of the meeting held May 29, 2019, were reviewed and approved
Voted to approve the minutes.

INVESTMENTS:

2.) The Board received from PRIT a statement of performance for May 2019. The PRIT Fund returned -2.31% for the month of May.
Voted to note the record.

BANK STATEMENTS:

3.) The Board received the bank statements for May 2019 and the budget for June 2019.
Voted to note the record.

MONTHLY WARRANTS:

4.) The Board approved payment vouchers:

06-01-19	\$ 1,742.25
06-02-19	\$ 14,453.88
06-03-19	\$ 48,150.19
06-04-19	\$20,605.99

Voted to approve payments as presented.

REQUESTS FOR RETIREMENT:

5.) The Board approved the application for superannuation retirement from Timothy Sheehan, Lenox, Police officer. The retirement will be effective 09/09/2019.

The Board approved the application for superannuation retirement from William Baumann, Lenox, firefighter/EMT/custodian. The retirement will be effective 12/04/2018. *see legal opinion from Attorney Thomas Gibson regarding group classification*

Voted to approve retirements as presented.

REQUEST FOR SERVICE BUYBACK:

6.) There are no requests for service buybacks in the month of June.

MEMBER TRANSFERS OUT OF SYSTEM:

7.) There are no requests for transfers in the month of June.

INJURY REPORTS:

8.) There were no injuries reported in the month of June.

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REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS:

9.) The Board approved the applications for refunds from the following members: (Pending approval from Dept. of Revenue- child support division)

Daniel Collins	Otis	\$1,773.40
John Willey	Lenox	\$46,376.79

Voted to approve refunds as presented.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:

10.) The Board approved for membership in the Berkshire County Retirement System the following members:

6946	JASON L DRAGONETTI	LEE	4/8/2019	HEALTH INSP	1
6952	SHAUN McHUGH	GT Barrington	4/3/2019	CHIEF ASSESSOR	1
6953	CHRISTINE M WARNER	GT Barrington	4/15/2019	LIBRARY SUPV	1
6955	NANCY J CRANDALL	OTIS	5/6/2019	SELECT SECY	1
6956	ASHLEY M VALLONE	BHRSD	6/10/2019	CUSTODIAN	1
6958	CHRISTOPHER W PREW	LENOX	6/10/2019	LABORER	1

Voted to approve new members as presented.

RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE APPROVALS:

11.) The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Janet Pumphrey, Lenox, as of April 11, 2019. Annual pension amount is \$3,746.04.

Voted to note the record.

3(8)c REIMBURSEMENTS:

12.) The Board received a letter from PERAC ordering the Pittsfield Retirement Board through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) to reimburse the Berkshire County Retirement Board \$182.64 a year toward the retirement allowance of Janet Pumphrey.

The Board received a letter from PERAC recalculating the amount due Hampshire County through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) from Berkshire County Retirement to \$6883.30 a year toward the retirement allowance of Catherine Hall. (\$13,222.94)

The Board received a letter from PERAC recalculating the amount due MTRS through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) from Berkshire County Retirement Board to \$981.88 a year toward the retirement allowance of Janet Warner. (\$6,395.91)

Voted to note the record.

PERAC CORRESPONDENCE:

13.) The Board received from PERAC the following memorandums:

#17/2019 Tobacco Company List

Note: copies of memorandums and letters given to each Board member

TRAVEL & EDUCATION APPROVALS:

14.) The Board approved the travel expense for Sheila LaBarbera to attend the PERAC Emerging Issues panel presentation meeting July 11, 2019, in Somerville MA.

Voted to approve the travel expense.

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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

- a.) Respondent's Motion re: James Salice
- b.) Petitioner Salice's response to DALA Appeal
- c.) Letter from PERAC regarding presentation by Sheila LaBarbera at the September Emerging Issues Conference.
- d.) GASB 67/68 exhibits for Berkshire County Retirement System for the period ending December 31, 2018.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 9:00am.

Voted to adjourn at 9:31am.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Sheila LaBarbera, Executive Director

APPROVED BY:



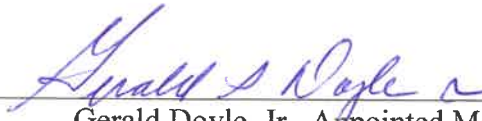
Michael Ovitt, Chairman



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