

Berkshire County Retirement Board Meeting  
March 30, 2016

**The meeting of the Berkshire County Retirement Board was called to order a 9:00 A.M. in the Retirement Office, 29 Dunham Mall, Pittsfield, MA. Present at the meeting, Michael Ovitt, Chairman, Patricia Carlino, Elected Member, Paul A. Lisi, Jr., Advisory Board Member and Peter Menard, Elected Member. Gerald Doyle Jr., Appointed Member, by phone.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Retirement Board. *No comments.*

**MINUTES:**

1.) The Board minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2016, were signed and approved.  
**Voted to approve minutes.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2.) The Board approved the application for section 12(2)d survivor benefits for Patrick Rothwell, survivor of Gail Rothwell, Town of Lee.

**Voted to approve survivor benefits.**

3.) This is a dual application for ordinary/accidental disability benefits.

The Board considered the application for Ordinary Disability benefits for William Bartini, Town of Great Barrington. The Board reviewed the application and determined that Mr. Bartini was eligible to apply for the ordinary disability benefits. Gerald Doyle made a motion to accept and process ordinary disability application, second Patricia Carlino. The Board voted to accept the application for ordinary disability and order a medical panel.

**Voted to approve processing application for ordinary disability benefits.**

The Board considered the application for Accidental Disability benefits for William Bartini, Town of Great Barrington. The Board reviewed the application and determined that Mr. Bartini's physician's statement contained an omission of an affirmative or negative response by the physician (declined to answer) on question 3A. Peter Menard made a motion to deny accidental disability application, second Patricia Carlino.

**Voted to deny the application for accidental disability benefits.**

**INVESTMENTS:**

4.) The Board received from PRIT a statement of performance for February 2016. The PRIT Fund returned 0.07% for the month of February.

**Voted to note the record.**

**BANK STATEMENTS:**

5.) The Board received the bank statements for Feb. 2016, and the budget for March 2016.

**Voted to note the record.**

**MONTHLY WARRANTS:**

6.) The Board approved payment vouchers:

02-05-16	\$1105245.21
03-01-16	\$23200.07
03-02-16	\$292724.78
03-03-16	\$48269.67

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03-04-16                      \$1146848.32

**Voted** to approve payments as presented.

**REQUESTS FOR RETIREMENT:**

7.) The Board approved the application for superannuation retirement from James Salice, Lee, Water Dept., Group 1, age 62 with 16 years and 5 months of creditable service and chose Option B. The retirement will be effective Feb 26, 2016.

The Board approved the application for superannuation retirement from Marie Allard, Clarksburg, Treasurer, Group 1, age 57 with 14 years and 3 months of creditable service and chose Option B. The retirement will be effective March 1, 2016.

**Voted** to approve retirements as presented.

**REQUEST FOR SERVICE BUYBACK:**

8.) The Board approved the notice of transfer of the account of Margaret Bimbane, a member in Lenox to the Pittsfield Retirement Board. The Berkshire County Retirement Board will accept liability for 10 years and 4 months of creditable service. The amount of the transfer is \$20207.05.

The Board approved the notice of transfer of the account of Nancy Rauscher, a member in MGRSD to the Teacher's Retirement Board. The Berkshire County Retirement Board will accept liability for 3 years and 6 months of creditable service. The amount of the transfer is \$17847.87.

The Board approved the notice of transfer of the account of Ashley Romeo, a member in BHRSD to the Teacher's Retirement Board. The Berkshire County Retirement Board will accept liability for 1 year and 3 months of creditable service. The amount of the transfer is \$1977.53.

The Board approved the notice of transfer of the account of Lillian Silk, a member in BHRSD to the Teacher's Retirement Board. The Berkshire County Retirement Board will accept liability for 9 months of creditable service. The amount of the transfer is \$1351.67.

**Voted** to approve buybacks as presented.

**MEMBER TRANSFERS OUT OF SYSTEM:**

9.) Glenna Besnoff, a member in CBRSD, is eligible to buyback 2 years of prior Creditable service. If Ms. Besnoff pays \$3844.92 into the annuity savings fund by April 30, 2016, the Board will grant 1 year and 5 months of creditable service.

Lisa Michaud, a member in Lee, is eligible to buyback 1 year and 1 month of prior creditable service. If Ms. Michaud pays \$2209.76 into the annuity savings fund by April 30, 2016, the Board will grant 1 year and 1 month of creditable service.

James Bragdon, a member in Gt Barrington, is eligible to buyback 5 years and 5 months of prior creditable service. If Mr. Bragdon pays \$15464.18 into the annuity savings fund by April 30, 2016, the Board will grant 5 years and 5 months of creditable service.

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W. David Zagorski, a member in Hinsdale, is eligible to buyback 12 years and 7 months of prior creditable service. If Mr. Zagorski pays \$45613.29 into the annuity savings fund by May 31, 2016, the Board will grant 12 years and 7 months of creditable service.

Miguel Santana, a member in West Stockbridge, is eligible to buyback 10 months of prior creditable service. If Mr. Santana pays \$2036.57 into the annuity savings fund by May 31, 2016, the Board will grant 10 months of creditable service.

Carol Smiel, a member in Williamstown, is eligible to buyback 11 months of prior creditable service. If Mrs. Smiel pays \$2119.08 into the annuity savings fund by May 31, 2016, the Board will grant 11 months of creditable service.

**Voted** to approve transfers as presented.

**REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS:**

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

Patrick D. Chamberland	SBRSD	\$730.81
William Mooney	Great Barrington	\$5158.40

**Voted** to approve refunds as presented.

**INJURY REPORTS:**

11.) There are no injury reports in the month of March.

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:**

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

6594	LINDA A CERNIK	BCRHA	1/28/2016	CASE MANAGER	1
6596	DAMON L VORCE	LEE	2/8/2016	LIBRARY DIR	1
6597	ANDREA LYNCH	LENOX	2/8/2016	PARA	1
6598	Christine Noble-Droshen	LENOX	2/8/2016	PARA	1
6599	MICHAEL J ALIBOZEK	CHESHIRE	3/1/2016	POLICE OFFICER	4
6600	EMILY BETTI	LEE	4/4/2016	ADMIN ASST	1
6602	KAREN LEWIS-KELLEY	LANESBORO	3/14/2016	HEAD COOK	1
6603	DIANA M PIEPHO	BHRSD	3/8/2016	PARA	1

**Voted** to approve new members as presented.

**RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE APPROVALS:**

13.) The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Kristin Garner, as of December 31, 2015. Stockbridge

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$3307.32	\$2204.88
Pension	\$5005.08	\$3336.72
Yearly	\$8312.40	\$5541.60
Monthly	\$692.70	

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The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Raymond Kirby, as of January 7, 2016. Lenox

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$5814.72	\$3876.48
Pension	\$16678.44	\$11118.96
Yearly	\$22493.16	\$14995.44
Monthly	\$1874.43	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Richard Fuore, as of January 8, 2016. Lenox

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$10163.16	\$6775.44
Pension	\$33322.68	\$22215.12
Yearly	\$43485.84	\$28990.56
Monthly	\$3623.82	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Marie DUBY, as of January 15, 2016. Lenox

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$10980.72	
Pension	\$29757.36	
Yearly	\$40738.08	
Monthly	\$3394.84	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to John Thibodeau, as of January 30, 2016. Dalton

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$11058.12	
Pension	\$39874.80	
Yearly	\$50932.92	
Monthly	\$4244.41	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Barbara Parsons, as of January 1, 2016. Lenox

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$2032.56	
Pension	\$5517.48	
Yearly	\$7550.04	
Monthly	\$629.17	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Paul Montgomery, as of January 7, 2016. Great Barrington

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$10980.72	
Pension	\$29757.36	
Yearly	\$40738.08	
Monthly	\$3394.84	

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The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Lawrence Lamarre, as of January 8, 2016. Lanesboro

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$6923.16	\$4615.44
Pension	\$16552.08	\$11034.72
Yearly	\$23475.24	\$15650.16
Monthly	\$1956.27	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to John Haughey, as of January 8, 2016. Lee

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$4277.52	
Pension	\$7473.84	
Yearly	\$11751.36	
Monthly	\$979.28	

The Board received approval from PERAC to grant a retirement allowance to Bruce Duirwin, as of January 21, 2016. Lanesboro

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>
Annuity	\$4332.60	\$2888.40
Pension	\$8590.32	\$5726.88
Yearly	\$12922.92	\$8615.28
Monthly	\$1076.91	

**Voted to** note the record.

**PERAC CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- #11/2016 Tobacco Company List
- #12/2016 Retirement Board Election Regulations 840 CMR 7.00
- #13/2016 Disability Regulations 840 CMR 10.00

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

15.) The Board is in receipt of PERAC letter requesting our review and or correction of actuarial data for December 31, 2015.

**Voted to** note the record.

16.) The Board is notified that Joseph Evangelisto is required to participate in an evaluation to determine his ability to perform the essential duties of the position from which he retired.

**Voted to** note the record.

**3(8)c REIMBURSEMENTS:**

17.) The Board received a letter from PERAC ordering the Berkshire County Retirement Board through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) to reimburse the State Retirement Board \$819.01 a year toward the retirement allowance of William Brown.

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The Board received a letter from PERAC ordering the Berkshire County Retirement Board through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) to reimburse the Teacher's Retirement Board \$6702.71 a year toward the retirement allowance of Jane Shiyah.

The Board received a letter from PERAC ordering the Berkshire County Retirement Board through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) to reimburse the Teacher's Retirement Board \$1639.01 a year toward the retirement allowance of Maureen Lenti.

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 \$15494.85 a year toward the retirement allowance of John Thibodeau.

The Board received a letter from PERAC ordering the Berkshire County Retirement Board through the provisions of MGL Sec 3(8)(c) to reimburse the Bristol County Retirement Board \$2870.62 a year toward the retirement allowance of Teresa Koohy.  
**Voted to** note the record.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a.) MACRS Spring conference save the date June 5-8 Hyannis, MA
- b.) PERAC Pension Newsflash 3/17/2016
- c.) PERAC Pension News March 2016
- d.) Proposal from MelansonHeath for 2015 audit w/ GASB 67/68 reports. Patricia Carlino made a motion to propose a 2 year contract @\$15000 per year, second by Paul A. Lisi, Jr.

**Voted to** send proposal to MelansonHeath.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 9:00am.

**Voted to** Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Sheila LaBarbera, Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

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Michael Ovitt, Chairman

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Patricia Carlino, Elected Member

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Peter Menard, Elected Member

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Paul A. Lisi, Jr., Advisory Council Member

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Gerald Doyle, Jr., Appointed Member