

## Barnstable County Retirement Association

A regularly scheduled meeting was held on April 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Retirement Association. The meeting was held through remote participation by the Barnstable County Retirement Board pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law on March 12, 2020. Members of the Public were able to join in by following this link:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/532447469>

**Board Members Present:** Robert C. Lawton, Jr. – Ex-Officio Member, Judith Sprague – Advisory Member/Vice-Chairman, Robert F. Rolanti – Elected Member, Ronald Bergstrom, Commissioner’s Appointee, Harold S. Brunelle – Elected Member.

Others Present for Board: Christine A. Tetreault – Executive Director, James H. Quirk, Jr. – Board Counsel.

Chairman Lawton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Lawton advised all present that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore advised that such recordings or transmissions are being made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

**Prior Minutes:**

*On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call vote 5-0 to approve the March 24, 2020 regular and executive session meeting minutes as submitted. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Judith Sprague – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. - Yes.*

**Warrants:**

*On a motion from Ms. Sprague, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call vote 5-0 to approve the following Warrants. Roll Call: Judith Sprague – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Rolanti – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. - Yes.*

Mar2420	03/24/20 Refund	Refunds/Transfers	\$253,180.17
2003PA2	03/26/20 Payroll	Office Payroll	\$32,440.74
2003PA2-A	03/30/20 Payroll	Office Payroll	\$(16,220.37)
2003RET	03/31/20 Ret Payroll	Retired/Beneficiaries	\$8,512,953.52
2004EX1	03/02/20 Exp. Fd.	Admin/Legal/Rent	\$21,235.01
200401RET	04/01/20 Ret Payroll	Retiree P/R	\$3,087.92
REF040320	04/03/20 Refund	Refunds/Transfers	\$164,220.89
2004EX2	04/15/20 Exp. Fd.	Admin/Legal	\$9,011.16
2003RET-A	04/22/20 Ret. Payroll	End Check Replacement	\$0.00

**Membership:**

*On a motion by Ms. Sprague, second by Mr. Rolanti, it was voted by roll call vote 5-0 to approve the following new retirements. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Judith Sprague – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. - Yes.*

**New Retirements:**

Name	Unit	Date	Creditable Service
Dyer, Heidi	Town of Truro	03//07/2020	36.5833
Fisette, Ronald	Town of Wellfleet	02/21/2020	33.6667
Kelley, I. Richard	Town of Yarmouth	03/09/2020	34.1667
Kender, Colleen	Town of Eastham	03/01/2020	19.5833
Kinney, Colleen	Town of Nantucket	02/29/2020	14.0833
Kulhawik, Edward	Town of Eastham	03/02/2020	10.5000
Malone, Bernard	Town of Yarmouth	02/15/2020	26.0833
Mason, Jessica	Town of Nantucket	03/28/2020	16.8333

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Creditable Service – Con't</u>
O'Melia, Robert	COMM Fire District	03/27/2020	32.0833
O'Neil, Michael	Town of Nantucket	02/21/2020	21.4167
Twomey, Thomas	Town of Barnstable	03/17/2020	37.4167
Wightman, Lloyd	Town of Yarmouth	03/09/2020	31.8333

Correspondence distributed to Board:

- PERAC MEMO #16/2020 – Coronavirus Update
- PERAC MEMO #17/2020 – Coronavirus Impact
- PERAC MEMO #18/2020 – Mandatory Retirement Board Training – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- PERAC MEMO #19/2020 - Tobacco Company List
- PERAC MEMO #20/2020 – Coronavirus Update
- PERAC MEMO #21/2020 – Post Retirement Restrictions During the State of Emergency

The Board discussed the various issues contained in the PERAC memos related to Coronavirus, including the need for a BCRA election in 2020 for Mr. Brunelle's expiring term and the ability for Board's to consider "waiving" add'l interest charges on late FY21 appropriation payments by units. Ms. Tetreault will research options for an election and report back to the Board. Ms. Tetreault also updated the Board on office operations during the State of Emergency period. She assures the Board that all member services continue without delay and online counselling sessions with members has been successful.

Administrative Issues:

Ms. Tetreault reported that all biennial affidavits for 2019 have been received and Matthew Frazier is no longer under suspension for this matter.

Legal Issues:

Atty. Quirk updated the Board on Bill S.1496. The Bill has passed the Senate and is headed to members of the delegation. It would allow the BCRA to acquire real property for use as an administrative office but requires use of the C.30B procurement process.

Atty. Quirk reported that he negotiated the LS W/Comp settlement of James Flanagan for the standard 20% for a total of \$9,500.00. Ms. Tetreault noted that the BCRA portion has already been received and Mr. Flanagan's W/Comp offset has been adjusted.

*On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Ms. Sprague, it was voted by roll call vote 5-0 to ratify the L.S. W/Comp settlement of James Flanagan as negotiated by Atty. Quirk. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Judith Sprague – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. - Yes.*

Atty. Quirk discussed the Leverit case, a recent decision related to health insurance coverage. Although it has no bearing on the retirement system he thought it was a case of interest.

Executive Session:

Chairman Lawton announced pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 30A, section 21 (a)(1) and section 21 (a)(3) the Board will convene in executive session to review, discuss and/or vote on matters involving the physical and/or mental health of Brendan Burchell, David Farren, Roy Morse, Jr., Christa Cabral and Jacqueline Ramirez-Frazier, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and to confer with legal counsel on litigation matters.

Chairman Lawton announced the open meeting will not reconvene after Executive Session.

*On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Ms. Sprague, it was voted by roll call vote 5-0 to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Judith Sprague – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. - Yes.*

Open Meeting closed 9:45 a.m.

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Robert C. Lawton, Jr. – Chairman

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Judith Sprague

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Ronald Bergstrom

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Robert F. Rolanti

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Harold Brunelle