

Barnstable County Retirement Association

A regularly scheduled meeting was held on May 25, 2021, 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/173302493>

Board Members Present: Robert C. Lawton, Jr. – Ex-Officio Member, Ronald Bergstrom, Commissioner's Appointee, Robert F. Rolanti – Elected Member. Members present after start of meeting: Harold S. Brunelle – Elected Member (9:06 a.m.), TK Menesale – Advisory Member (9:22 a.m.)

Others Present for Board: Christine A. Tetreault – Executive Director, James H. Quirk, Jr. – Board Counsel, Susy Bento Holmes- Assistant Director,

Chairman Lawton called the meeting to order at 9:05 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.

Harold Brunelle entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Prior Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Mr. Bergstrom, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to approve the April 27, 2021 regular and executive session meeting minutes. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald bergstrom – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

Record vote taken in Executive Session on April 27, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to table the issue of excess earnings for Mr. Harrington for the years 2013-2016 until additional relevant documentation can be requested, received and reviewed by PERAC. Roll Call: Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, TK Menesale – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes

On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to request PERAC schedule a RMP to examine Thomas Downs in conjunction with his application for accidental disability retirement. Roll Call: Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, TK Menesale – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes

Warrants:

On a motion from Mr. Brunelle, second by Mr. Bergstrom, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to approve the following warrants. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

21-020	04/30/2021 Payroll	Office Payroll	\$	70,439.34
21-021	04/30/2021 Payroll	Retiree Payroll	\$	8,953,618.91
21-022	05/30/2021 Exp. Fd.	Office Payroll/Benefits/Admin/Legal	\$	46,235.51
21-023	05/18/2021 Exp. Fd.	Admin/Benefits	\$	58,971.07
21-024	05/18/2021 Payroll	Retiree Payroll-Void/Re-issue	\$	0.00
21-025	05/25/2021 Refunds	Refunds	\$	300,205.63
21-026	05/28/2021 Exp. Fd.	Office Payroll/Benefits	\$	47,712.94

Membership:

On a motion by Mr. Bergstrom, second by Mr. Rolanti, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to approve the following new retirements. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

Name	Unit	Date	Creditable Service
Connolly, Daniel	Town of Orleans	4/21/2021	21.2500
Emery, Jane	Town of Mashpee	4/01/2021	22.1667
Farrell, Georgia	Town of Chatham	4/23/2021	22.3333
Fougere, Mary	Town of Chatham	4/01/2021	20.9167
Gibson, Thomas	Town of Barnstable	4/16/2021	10.4167
Holway, Scott	Town of Truro	4/01/2021	20.0833
Joyal, Gwendolyn	Town of Barnstable	5/05/2021	13.1667
Mastrianna, Jacquelyn	Town of Truro	4/09/2021	40.5833
O'Connell, Janice	Barnstable County	4/01/2021	10.0833
O'Neil, Edward	Town of Barnstable	4/22/2021	32.4167
Pina, Profino	Dennis Water District	4/14/2021	26.0833
Wiggin, Dwight	Town of Brewster	4/23/2021	30.0833
Wiley, Kerry	Nauset Regional S.D.	4/01/2021	26.6667

Distributed to Board and acknowledged:

PRIM – Performance Summary for March 2021
PERAC – Pension News-April 2021
BCRA accounting reports for March 2021

Administrative Issues:

It was noted that Governor Baker has declared an end to the State of Emergency to be effective June 15, 2021. It is the consensus of the Board that in-person meetings should resume in June 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Bergstrom, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to resume in-person meetings as of June 2021. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

TK Mensale entered the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

The board discussed if it is appropriate to move forward with the BCRA election postponed last year due to the pandemic given the State of Emergency will be coming to an end on June 15, 2021. Since the re-opening of the rules are still uncertain the Board does not believe we can move forward at this time but should re-address the issue regularly until it is appropriate to begin the election process.

On a motion by Mr. Rolanti, second by Mr. Bergstrom, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to table the election until after the June 22nd meeting. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, T.K. Menesale – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

Legal issues:

Lynn Ireland- DALA has granted Ms. Ireland an extension on her appeal to 6/25/2021 in order for her to retain an attorney.

Daniel Parkka- A request to expediate the appeal for Mr. Parkka's 91A Excess Earnings for 2018 and 2019 based on the facts are similar to the appeal at DALA for the prior 91A Excess Earnings has been submitted. If the case is expediated and the ruling is the same as the prior case, a request to consolidate the cases will be made.

Executive Session:


Chairman Lawton announced pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 30A, section 21 (a)(1) the Board will convene in executive session to review, discuss and/or vote on matters involving the physical and/or mental health of Matthew Cascio and Brendan Burchell; and to discuss litigation strategies, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

On a motion by Mr. Bergstrom, second by Mr. Brunelle, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. Roll Call: Robert Rolanti – Yes, Ronald Bergstrom – Yes, TK Menesale – Yes, Harold Brunelle – Yes, Robert Lawton, Jr. – Yes.

Chairman Lawton announced the open meeting will not reconvene after Executive Session. Open meeting closed at 9:40 a.m.



Robert C. Lawton, Jr. – Chairman



TK Menesale



Ronald Bergstrom

Robert F. Rolanti



Harold Brunelle