

Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Agenda

March 24th, 2026 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:45 am.

Members Cockroft, Ruiz, Wilson and Wright were present. Member Ceballos was absent.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to nominate Robert Wilson as temporary chairman for the meeting. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

Executive Session: None

Retirements:

An application for superannuation has been received from **Joseph Murphy**, a 59-year old Fire Lieutenant with 30 years and 3 months of service. If approved, member will retire on April 30th, 2026, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 80,592.60.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Joseph Murphy. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Suzanne Ouellette**, a 67-year old GLRTHS Administrative Assistant with 25 years and 7 months of service. If approved, member will retire on June 15th, 2026, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 42,755.04

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Suzanne Ouellette. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Michael Simard**, a 61-year old Police Sergeant with 34 years and 3 months of service. If approved, member will retire on March 21st, 2026, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 83,482.92.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Michael Simard. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Wanda Candelario**, a 60-year old School Paraprofessional with 27 years of service. If approved, member will retire on June 24th, 2026, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 24,405.48

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Wanda Candelario. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Timothy Caron**, a 64-year old School Facilities Manager with 31 years of service. If approved, member will retire on April 30th, 2026, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 70,138.80.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Timothy Caron. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Rafael Grullon**, a 70-year old Water Laborer with 25 years and 6 months of service. If approved, member will retire on April 16th, 2026, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 29,500.92.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Rafael Grullon. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

New Business:

All Client Memo – M. Sacco – OIG report – update

Brief discussion regarding the documented report from the OIG that was provided to the board.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to Table the item until Michael Sacco was present. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

MACRS 2026 Spring Kevin J. Regan Conference

The Annual Spring Conference will be held Sunday, May 31 through Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield. Attendance numbers, approval for travel and board credit card authorization.

Member Ruiz said he would attend and the other members said they would reach out to Director Rizzo soon with their decision on attendance,

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the travel and use of board credit card for any members that decide to attend the annual spring MACRS Conference. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

Tabled Items:

Cola Base Increase - Discussion - provisions of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, Section 19, amending Section 103 of said chapter 32 regarding the COLA base - *remain on table*

Items on appeal:

Fay – DALA Appeal

Ianello – DALA appeal

Bradley – CRAB appeal

Coughlin - CRAB appeal

Wood – CRAB appeal

Bistany – CRAB appeal

Olivero-Oviedo – DALA appeal

Makeup payments: - None

New Members:

Name	UNIT	Dept or Position	Group
Banegas, Elvin	SCH	Café Worker	1
Portorreal, Arialdy	CTY	Data Specialist/Outreach Coordinator	1
Villar, Kevelyn	SCH	Paraprofessional	1

Santos Villa, Whistler	CTY	Foreman Supervisor	1
Silva, Haylee	SCH	LPN	1
Matos, Carlos	LRA	Deputy Executive Director	1
Estrella, Jesse	POL	Police Officer	4

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

Refunds: * = Rollover

Edward Cruz Amador	CTY	HME0	\$ 3,860.06
Victor Vega Ortiz	SCH	School Safety Officer	\$ 865.12
Linet Tineo	SCH	LPN	\$ 8,765.86
Ramon Fermin Villa	CTY	Parking Attendant	\$ 13,939.43
Jerrick Batista	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 12,756.12
Emma Blair	POL	Animal Control	\$ 826.53
Courtney Roman	SCH	Academy Social Worker	\$ 4,463.20 *
Sebastian Marte Gutierrez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 1,912.59
Otto De La Cruz	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 3,768.95
Arianna Desharnais	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 1,124.66 *
Sasha Tavarez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 6,877.62
Isabel Pinales	CTY	Parking Attendant	\$ 9,906.84
Samantha Vazquez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 4,740.00 *
Meghan Engel	SCH	Resident Teacher	\$ 144.43
Victor Morales	SCH	Custodian	\$ 19,259.43
Nestor Castillo	CTY	Mayoral Aide	\$ 38,683.97 *
Gricelda Liriano Liriano	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 477.33
Angel Anziani	SCH	School Safety Officer	\$ 16,925.16
Ivan Gonzales	SCH	School Safety Officer	\$ 23,036.79
Ada Caraballo	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	\$ 16,563.40
Joshua Devereaux	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 281.17

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

Monthly Expenses:

Warrant # 3A	Voucher # 55	\$ 46,255.00
Warrant # 3	Voucher # 56-106	\$ 1,099,049.66

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

Monthly pension payroll for March 31, 2026	\$ 2,727,957.10
Voids	\$ 681.77
Retiree End Checks	\$ 14,975.01

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the pension payroll/voids/end checks as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

PRIT Wire redemption

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the PRIT wire redemption as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

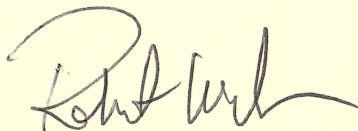
Approval of the **February 24th, 2026 retirement board minutes** as submitted.

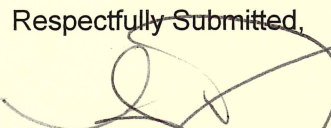
Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the February 24th, 2026 retirement board minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

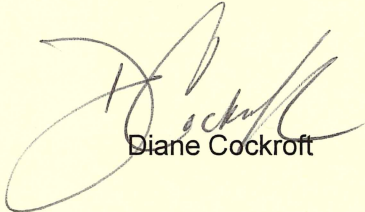
Copies of bank statements, cashbooks investment reports and recent PERAC Memos are available for review. Warrants and vouchers are present for approval and review.

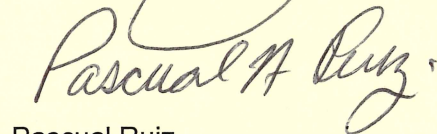
Upcoming Meeting Dates: April 22, 2026.

Being no further business, Diane Cockroft made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 AM. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

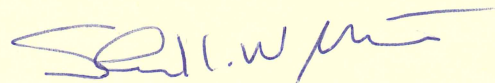

Robert Wilson, Temporary Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Rizzo, Executive Director


Diane Cockroft


Pascual Ruiz

Robert Wilson


Sheryl Wright