

## Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

The Lawrence Retirement Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Chairman Bateman was present with Attorney Sacco and members Loughlin, Cuddy and Rizzo. Ramona Ceballos was present remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM.

Section 15 Hearing on **Mark Verville** to determine if he will be eligible to collect a superannuation upon attaining age 55, due to the criminal convictions for arson and if those convictions were violations of the laws applicable to his position as a firefighter . A court stenographer, June was present to record the hearing. Verville was present by himself without counsel. Attorney Sacco explained the hearing procedure to Verville , who then requested an open meeting. Sacco listed the exhibits as #1-Enrollment Form, # 2- the 11/2/2018 resignation letter, #3-Public Docket Report No 1877CR00757, #4- Change of Plea Docket No 1877CR00757 # 5- Annuity Savings Detail #6-Options upon attaining age 55.

Mark Thomas Verville stated name for the records. He stated he didn't do anything in his position for personal gains or earning. He feels some of the charges were erroneous, ie burning dwelling, but plead guilty because charges were 20 years vs 2 years. Sacco asked Verville if he intends to obtain legal counsel. He stated yes. Sacco recommended suspending the hearing for 60 days to allow Verville to obtain counsel. If more time was needed, we need a written notice to grant. Tom Cuddy made a motion to suspend the hearing for 60 days ( on/about April 24<sup>th</sup>) Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

Gina Rizzo made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:21 AM to discuss the Wood & Jameson disability cases. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

The Board is in receipt of the completed medical panels in the Involuntary Accidental Disability case of **George Wood**, Police Patrolman.

The Board is in receipt of the completed medical panels and clarifications on **Roger Jameson**, Lawrence Fire Dept , Involuntary Accidental Disability application.

Tom Cuddy made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:58 AM, seconded by Gina Rizzo. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Alan Andrews**, a 65 year old Police Officer with 31 years and 8 months of service. If approved, Mr. Andrews will retire on March 31, 2021 under an option C allowance in the yearly amount of \$68,324.88. Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation of Alan Andrews. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Linda Hassam**, a 66 year old clerk in the assessor's office with 31 years of service. Hassam will retire on 4-1-21 under an annual option B allowance in the amount of \$ 34,364.04. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the superannuation of Linda Hassam. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Glenn Fleming**, a 68 year old plumbing/gas inspector with 27 years and 4 months service. If approved, Mr. Fleming will retire on 2/28/2021 under an annual option B allowance in the amount of \$ 46,197.48. Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation of Glenn Fleming. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

An application for member survivor allowance was received from Jaclyn Potter on behalf of her son Benjamin under 12B. Benjamin is the son of deceased member **Melanie Klier**, who died March 23, 2020. Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the survivor benefits for Melanie Klier. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Gail Howell**, school/RN with 11 years and 2 months service. If approved, Ms. Howell will retire on 2/28/2021 under an option B allowance in the amount of \$ 11,758.44. Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation of Gail Howell. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

#### **New Members:**

Sabrina Boggio	CTY	Mayoral Aide	1
Adderly Gonzalez	CTY	Mayoral Aide	1
Jorge Gonzalez	CTY	City Councilor	1
Jorge Elias	LHA	IT Liason	1

**New Members:**

Joseph Belanger	SCH	Exempt Staff	1
Jairo Bello	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Robert Brito Santana	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Jaime Castillo	SCH	Exempt Staff	1
Jumil Celadilla	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Austin Davy	SCH	Production Assistant	1
Jefferson Devia	SCH	Student & Family Specialist	1
Haleigh Gagne	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Betzy Gomez	SCH	Early College Student Success Associate	1
Yulianis Hernandez	SCH	CIA	1
Nichole Lopez	SCH	BCBA	1
Abigail O'Brien	SCH	BCBA	1
Francesca Styles	SCH	BCBA	1
Yeriel Torres	SCH	Paraprofessional	1

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

**Refunds:**

Yanira Taveras	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 10,580.46
Anytza Delgado	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 8,207.00
Yulfi Frias	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 5,745.80
Milagros Sanchez	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 44,464.18
Quirsy Torres	School	Aide	\$ 18,124.47
Ruben Fernandez	School	Nutrition Spec	\$ 5,335.19
Nestor De Jesus Jr.	CD	Outreach Coord	\$ 50,530.71

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

**Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 17	Voucher # 27-59	\$ 455,717.18
Retiree End Checks		\$ 16,573.79

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the expenses as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

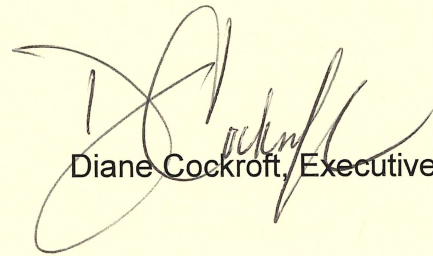
**Monthly pension payroll for February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021****\$ 2,244,602.08**

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the Feb 26<sup>th</sup> pension payroll as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

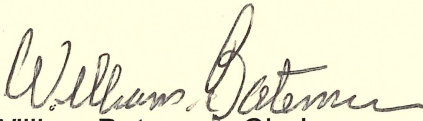
Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 retirement Board regular and executive session minutes as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

The next scheduled retirement board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

Being no further business, Tom Cuddy made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 AM, seconded by Ramona Ceballos. Roll call: Cuddy;yes, Loughlin;yes, Bateman;yes, Rizzo;yes, Ceballos;yes, 5-0

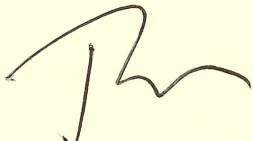


Diane Cockcroft, Executive Director

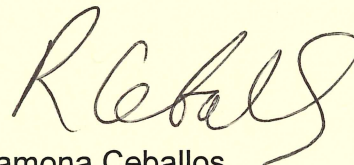


William Bateman, Chairman

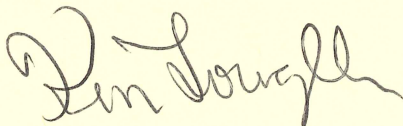
Gina Rizzo



Thomas Cuddy



Ramona Ceballos



Kevin Loughlin