

## Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

Members, Ruiz and Wright were present. Members Cockroft, Ceballos and Wilson were remote:

**Executive Session:** None

### Retirements:

An application for superannuation has been received from **Paul MacMillan** a 55-year old Police Officer with 32 years of service. If approved, member will retire March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$74,739.96

*Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Paul MacMillan. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

An application for superannuation has been received from inactive member, **Melissa Ragonese** a 55-year old former Police Department Confidential Secretary with 20 years of service. If approved, member will retire February 5, 2026 under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 14,161.68.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Melissa Ragonese. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

An application for superannuation has been received from **Joanne Culhane**, a 71-year old GLTHS, Finance Specialist with 22 years and 1 month of service. If approved, member will retire March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 40,674.84.

*Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Joanne Culhane. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

### 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

### 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
Coronado, Robinson	CTY	Special HMEO	1
Gonzalez Quintana, Zolymar	CTY	Clerk Principal	1
Gonzalez, Rosaly	CTY	City Councilor	1
Lopez, Michael	POL	Police Recruit	4
Vasquez-Castro, Jordan	POL	Police Officer	4
Ovalles, Daniel	POL	Police Officer	4
Abreu, Rony	POL	Police Officer	4
Mohika, Osyris	CTY	Confidential Secretary	1
Mercedes, Jose	SCH	Custodian	1
Rodriguez Polanco, Arleny	POL	Police Officer	4
Muniz, Belkys	POL	Police Officer	4
Toro, Elinor	SCH	Para	1
Ramirez, Jessica	SCH	School Committee Member	1
Miranda, Caroline	SCH	Parent Liason	1
Almanzar Lopez, Antonio	SCH	Custodian	1
Santana, Rochelle	SCH	Para	1
Garcia-Rodriguez, Dranny	LHA	Senior Maintenance Clerk	1
Belliard, Zoila	SCH	Para	1
Soto Jr, Roberto	SCH	Para	1

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

**Refunds: \* = Rollover**

Hugo Monroy	City	Parking Attendant	\$ 17,907.02
Quilvio Paulino	DPW	Laborer	\$ 7,491.88
James W. Daly	School	Music Specialist	\$ 4,457.39 *
Jeffrey Coss	Police	Patrolman	\$ 40,762.08
Maxine Lopez	School	Clerk	\$ 7,662.91
Lizmarie Hernandez Capellan	School	Liason	\$ 11,287.88
Perla Picon	School	Liason	\$ 12,635.16

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

**Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 1	Voucher # 1-2	\$ 194.46
Warrant # 1A	Voucher # 3-18	\$ 172,551.08

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the monthly expenses as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

Monthly pension payroll for January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	\$	2,299,161.85
Voids	\$	0
Retiree End Checks	\$	14,108.12

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the monthly pension payroll and end checks as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

**PRIT Wire redemption - Noted**

Approval of the **December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 retirement board minutes** as submitted.

*Sheryl Wright made a motion to table the vote for the minutes from 12/23/25 so that the absent board members could review. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

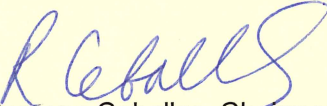
**Late Submission for discussion:**

Not currently on the agenda due to late submission, however Director Rizzo asked if the board would be open to her attending the **2026 Directors/Administrators Conference** – April 26, 2026 – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Hosted by Dukes County Retirement System. Location: Harborview Hotel, Edgarstown, Martha's Vinyard. – The entire board agreed on her attending. Item to be placed on agenda in February for formal vote.

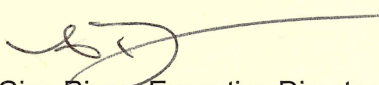
Copies of bank statements, cashbooks investment reports and recent PERAC Memos are available for review. Warrants and vouchers were present for approval and review.

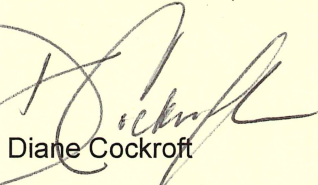
Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

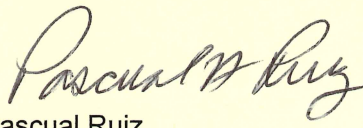
*Being no further business, Sheryl Wright made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 AM. Motion was seconded by Robert Wilson. Roll Call – Ruiz – yes, Wright – yes, Ceballos–yes, Cockroft–yes, Wilson–yes, Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.*

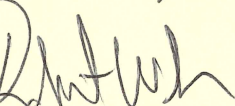
  
Ramona Ceballos, Chairman

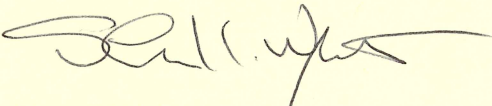
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gina Rizzo, Executive Director

  
Diane Cockroft

  
Pascual Ruiz

  
Robert Wilson

  
Sheryl Wright