Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

July 29th, 2026 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

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

Executive Session: None

New Business:

Year End 12/31/2025 Financial Statements – Draft Audit – CBIZ

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the year end 12/31/2025 draft audit submitted by CBIZ pending any additional changes. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Roll Call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson–yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes, Ceballos-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.

Retirements:

An application for superannuation retirement has been received from **William Henrick,** a 63-year old GLTHS Head Cook with 10 years of service. If approved, member will retire on August 29th, 2026, under an Option B with an annual allowance in the approximate amount of $ 9,118.56.

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

An application for superannuation retirement has been received from **Daniel Fleming** a 56-year old Police Lieutenant with 32 years and 1 month of service. If approved, member will retire on July 10th, 2026, under an Option B with an annual allowance in the approximate amount of $ 132,734.64.

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

An application for superannuation retirement has been received from **Felipe Ruiz** a 66-year old School Custodian with 20 years and 1 month of service. If approved, member will retire on September 4th, 2026, under an Option B with an annual allowance in the approximate amount of $ 27,884.64.

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

An application for superannuation retirement has been received from **William Castro,** a 58-year old inactive Mayoral Chief of Staff with 25 years and 6 months of creditable service (3 years 1 month with Lawrence). If approved, member will retire on July 28th 2026, under an option B with an annual allowance in the approximate amount of $104,407.92. – Member was terminated from position. Termination Letter was provided.

Board Discussed how whenever a public employee is terminated a retirement board has an obligation to review the facts and circumstances surrounding the termination. Although the board does have the termination letter dated April 2nd 2026 there has been much media attention surrounding Mr. Castro, it is prudent to refer the case to board counsel for further review to ensure no violation has occurred. If Attorney Sacco has no findings, the board will grant the superannuation at a subsequent meeting.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to table the superannuation retirement of William Castro and to submit his file to Board Attorney, Michael Sacco for further review due to termination. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson–yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes, Ceballos-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0.

Late Submission Items: - none

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
Reynoso, Robinson	LHA	Custodian	1
Perez Martinez, Kimberlin	CTY	Principal Accounts Clerk	1
Fanini, Ramon	CTY	HSE II - Inspectional Services	1
Costa, William	CTY	Airport Maintenance	1

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

Refunds: * = Rollover

Jean Abreu Apolinar	SCH	Paraprofessional	$ 3,865.67
Megan Thomsen	SCH	Secretary	$ 8,305.52*
Neysha Perez	SCH	Paraprofessional	$ 2,896.23
Kilvania Paulino De Abreu	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	$11,991.59
Jhonniel Lopez	SCH	Paraprofessional	$11,837.63
Tayeece Diaz	SCH	Paraprofessional	$ 1,816.68*
Glenda Cancel	SCH	Residency & Attendance Specialist	$ 9,056.45
Fabiola Reynoso	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	$ 1,969.44
Ellen Christensen	POL	Crossing Guard	$ 396.98
Luis Cruz	SCH	BBE	$ 7,844.54

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

Monthly Expenses:

Warrant # 7	Voucher # 197-271	$	119,056.07

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

Monthly pension payroll for July 31st, 2026	$	2,807,312.31
Void	$	-3,004.76
Retiree End Checks	$	15,142.28

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

PRIT Wire redemption none - noted

PRIT – Deposit – 25.9M - noted

Approval of the **June 30th, 2026 retirement board minutes and executive session minutes as well as minutes from the special meeting held remotely on July 10th, 2026** as submitted.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the minutes and executive session minutes from June 30th 2026 as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson–yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes, Ceballos-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0

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: August 24th, 2026 & September 23rd, 2026

Being no further business, Diane Cockroft made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 AM. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson–yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes, Ceballos-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Rizzo, Executive Director

R Ceballos

Ramona Ceballos, Chairman

Diane Cockroft

Pascual Ruiz

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Robert Wilson

Sheryl Wright