

Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

July 25th, 2023 at 8:00 am

Meeting called to order at 8:04

Members Wright, Ceballos and Cockroft were present. Member Ruiz was tardy. Absent was member Wilson. Attorney Sacco was present.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to temporarily table the Adam Goujon item. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 3-0

New Business:

An application for superannuation has been received from **Pilar Saenz**, a 65-year-old Paraprofessional with 24 years of service. If approved, member will retire on September 8th, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$21,623.40.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Pilar Saenz. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Jean Sullivan**, a 64-year-old LHA Program Representative with 28 years and 11 months of service. If approved, member will retire on July 20th, 2023, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 29,122.56.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Jean Sullivan. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Paul Gardner**, a 71-year-old Water Department Cross Connection Inspector with 24 years of service. If approved, member will retire on August 14, 2023, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$33,728.40.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Paul Gardner. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Roy Vasque**, a 55-year-old Police Chief with 30 years 1 month of service. If approved, member will retire on June 30th, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$172,329.72.

Michael Sacco explained that he had reviewed all documents related to Chief Vasque's retirement including his settlement agreement and the investigative reports and found no reason to hold up his retirement. Director Rizzo stated that she had emailed John Boorack at PERAC and had him review his estimates as well.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Roy Vasque. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Deidamia Diaz**, a 66-year-old Paraprofessional with 26 years of service. If approved, member will retire on September 1st, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$24,326.28.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Deidamia Diaz. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Christine McSorley**, a 60-year-old Airport Principal Accounts Clerk with 24 years and 2 months of service. If approved, member will retire on October 24th, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$29,895.60.

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Christine McSorley. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

Joseph Rosario, DPW MEO would like to purchase his prior temporary City of Lawrence service. If allowed, member would have to contribute \$3,027.49 for 8 months of service from 08/27/2013-01/03/2019. Service and salary breakdown were acquired/verified via MUNIS.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the purchase of service for Joseph Rosario. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 3-0

Draft Audit of Financial Statements, Year Ended December 31st, 2022 – Powers and Sullivan. – The board was provided the audit prior to the meeting.

Being no questions/issues, Diane Cockroft made a motion to accept the Powers and Sullivan draft audit for year-end December 31st 2022. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 3-0

Tabled Items:

Coughlin DALA appeal

Wood – CRAB appeal

Bradley – CRAB appeal

M. Bistany – CRAB appeal

M. Verville – Civil Action

New Members:

Name	UNIT	Dept or Position	Group
Rodriguez Robles, Arlene	CTY	Principal Accounts Clerk	1
Woodroffe, Victor	VOC	Director of Technology	1
Desrosiers Jr., Charles	VOC	Custodian	1
Lavin, Brian	VOC	Custodian	1
Belliard, Juan	LHA	Project Manager	1

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

Refunds:

Yessica Cruz	SCH	Office Manager	\$4,859.36
Joel Moya	SCH	Custodian	\$14,352.90
Catalina Santiago	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$3,000.37
Kimberly McCarthy	SCH	LPN	\$19,819.93
Joanna Olivien	SCH	Parent Liaison	\$6,320.04
Carolina DeLeon	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$21,242.95
Omayra Ortiz- Sepulveda	POL	Crossing Guard	\$200.52
Yanillo Duran	CTY	Library Assistant	\$2,952.20
Marino Pena	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$2,425.70
Mustafa Zorrok	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$3,020.00
Katelyn Bernard	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$877.23
Albert Sanchez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$2,213.92
Emmarlet Paulino	SCH	BBE	\$1,991.10

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

Member Ruiz was remote and entered at 8:08.

Monthly Expenses:

Warrant # 10	Voucher # 251-252	\$ 2,204.79
Warrant # 11	Voucher # 253-293	\$ 173,803.69
Retiree End Checks		\$ 14,302.27

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the monthly expenses as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Monthly pension payroll for July 31st, 2023	\$ 2,497,010.09
Voids	\$ -1,533.44

Sheryl Wright made a motion to approve the monthly pension payroll and void as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Approval of the **June 21st, 2023 retirement board minutes.**

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the June 21st, 2023 retirement board minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 4-0

– Adam Goujon – Accidental Disability

Diane Cockroft made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:26 a.m. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 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.

The next scheduled regular monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at 8:30 AM.

The board would like to invite PRIM in to the September board meeting for the annual review. Meeting date: Tuesday September 26th, 2023.

Being no further business, Diane Cockroft made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 AM, seconded by ^{Sheryl Wright} ~~Diane Cockroft~~. Roll Call Ceballos-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramona Ceballos, Chairman



Gina Rizzo, Executive Director



Sheryl Wright



Robert Wilson



Pasqual Ruiz



Diane Cockroft