

Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

May 23rd, 2023 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:35

Members Wilson, Wright and Cockroft were present. Absent were members Ceballos and Ruiz. Attorney Sacco was present.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to make Robert Wilson temporary Chairman for the meeting. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 3-0.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to go into executive session at 8:36 a.m. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Wilson-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 3-0

– **Adam Goujon – Disability**

– **Michael J. Delaney – Disability Presumption Hearing**

Diane Cockroft made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:29 a.m. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Wilson-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 3-0

Diane Cockroft made a motion to take the Verville and Axford cases out of order. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 3-0

Mark Verville v. Lawrence Retirement Board, Lawrence District Court, Civil Action No.

2218CV598 – Update

Michael Sacco explained that he had recently went to the District Courts to be heard on the Verville case. I feel it went well. The judge was very attentive and asked many questions. I was quite blunt when I explained that we had a firefighter who was convicted of lighting a fire. His decision should be in within 60 days.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to table the Verville case. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll Call Wilson-yes, Wright-yes Cockroft-yes. Motion carries 3-0

Kathleen Axford – Update

Michael Sacco explained that the Axford case was dismissed.

New Business:

An application for superannuation has been received from **Mary Ann Bergeron**, a 70-year-old MVRTA Executive Director of Finance with 30 years of service. If approved, member will retire on June 30th, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 78,113.16

Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Mary Ann Bergeron. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Andelina Jimenez**, a 71-year-old LPS Lead Lunch Aide with 26 years and 4 months of service. If approved, member will retire on May 31st, 2023, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 19,509.60.

Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Andelina Jimenez. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Michael Sweeney**, a 66-year-old DPW, Graffiti Removal Specialist with 26 years and 7 months of service. If approved, member will retire on May 27th, 2023, under an annual **Option C** allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 35,739.36.

Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Michael Sweeney. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Miriam Matos**, a 66-year-old LPS Paraprofessional with 24 years and 4 months of service. If approved, member will retire on May 13th, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$20,249.64.

Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Miriam Matos. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Paul Ronan**, a 62-year-old LPS Army JROTC Instructor with 16 years and 7 months of service. If approved, member will retire on August 31st, 2023, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$34,564.20.

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

An application for superannuation has been received from **Cyril Lane**, a 65-year-old Fire Department Firefighter with 33 years and 9 months of service. If approved, member will retire on July 5th, 2023, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$56,023.56.

Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Cyril Lane. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0.

Discussion regarding 2% - Suzanne Suliveras – President - Lawrence Federation of Paraprofessionals

Member Robert Wilson explained that Mrs. Suliveras had emailed him to say that she was all set and didn't need to address the board.

Tabled Items:

Coughlin DALA appeal

Wood – CRAB appeal

Bradley – CRAB appeal

M. Bistany – CRAB appeal

New Members:

Name	UNIT	Dept or Position	Group
Torres, Gustavo	LHA	Maintenance Aide	1
Martinez, Omar	CTY	Foreman Parks Division	1
Sarafian, Andrew	CTY	Airport Maintenance Person	1

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

Refunds:

Jill Walden	VOC	HR/ Business Office	\$30,051.69
Maria Romero Peguero	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	\$23,474.70
Raekwon Albert	SCH	School Culture Specialist	\$ 2,312.55
Zully Caquias	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 1,438.43
Jahari Boone	SCH	College Service Associate	\$ 488.68
Reina Mabel Vasquez Reynoso	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	\$ 3,583.78
Marlene Paulino	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$12,926.13

Alberlis Franco	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 598.26
Jairo Bello	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 3,978.33
Yulianis Hernandez	SCH	CIA	\$ 2,102.95
Rebecca Murdocca	SCH	LTS	\$ 1,802.24
Yamilda Doval	SCH	BBE	\$ 3,158.04
Lenin Alberto	SCH	School Safety Officer	\$ 6,073.59
Michelle Valdez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 9,070.31
Caroline Hamel	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$20,712.37
Rosalie Guzman	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 977.90
Pedro Beato	DTD	Economic Development Director	\$ 7,745.27
Bianco Sadler	VOC	Custodian	\$ 1,396.38
Patria De Los Santos	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 4,601.77
Marangely Rodriguez	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 434.66

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

Monthly Expenses:

Warrant # 05	Voucher #	\$ 136,326.45
Warrant # 05 B		\$ 985.44
Warrant # 06	Voucher # 151-243	\$ 592,240.67
Retiree End Checks		\$ 14,557.18

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

Monthly pension payroll for May 31st, 2023	\$ 2,426,343.85
Voids	\$ -5,898.44

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

Approval of the **April 25th, 2023 retirement board minutes** as submitted.

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

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

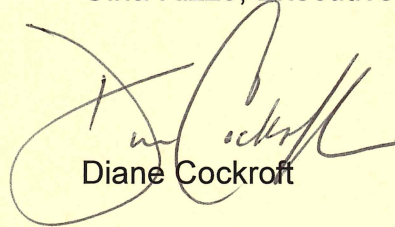
The next scheduled regular monthly board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 at 8:30 AM.

Being no further business, Sheryl Wright made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 AM, seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 3-0

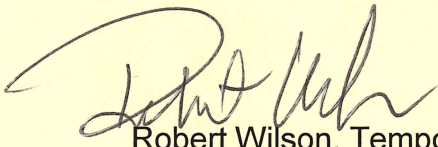
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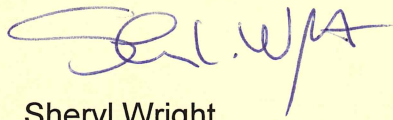
Gina Rizzo, Executive Director



Diane Cockroft



Robert Wilson, Temporary Chairman



Sheryl Wright