

## Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:37

Members Ceballos, Wilson, Wright and Cockroft were present.

### New Business:

**DALA – Decision – M. Bistany** - Update - DALA sided with our board, Ms. Bistany has filed objections with CRAB. Ms. Bistany followed up and filed the memorandum and exhibits within the allotted time (40 days), Attorney Sacco filed the appropriate response on the Boards behalf.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to add the M. Bistany case to tabled items. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 4-0*

Member Ruiz entered meeting at 8:40

An application for superannuation has been received from **Gilberto Santos**, a 66-year-old School Custodian with 15 years and 1 months of service. If approved, member will retire on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 15,063.48.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Gilberto Santos. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

An application for superannuation has been received from **David Ferris**, a 55-year-old Fire Lieutenant with 33 years and 1 month of service. If approved, member will retire on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$79,142.16.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of David Ferris. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

An application for superannuation has been received from **Breda Daou**, a 63-year-old City Assessor with 21 years and 4 months of service. If approved, member will retire on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$32,332.68.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Breda Daou. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

An application for superannuation has been received from **Sharon Perrone**, a 58-year-old School Cook with 15 years and 3 months of service. If approved, member will retire

on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$8,249.76.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the Superannuation retirement of Sharon Perrone. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

Staff Wage Increase Request – Director Rizzo supplied the board with a worksheet showing a 2%, 3% and 4% annualized raise. Member Wilson asked when the last percentage raise was given. Director Rizzo replied 7/1/2021. *Member Wright suggested a possible 4 7/1/23, 4 7/1/24, 4 7/1/25. Robert Wilson said he would like to see a retroactive increase for 7/1/22.*

*Sheryl Wright made a motion to give the staff the following increase – retroactive of 3% as of 7/1/22, increase 3% 7/1/23, increase 3% 7/1/24. Motion was seconded by Robert Wilson. All were in favor 5-0*

Lawrence Retirement Board 2022 Annual Statement- review & signatures required for PERAC approval. – new this year – PERAC is implementing a new module in prosper, when final release happens, each board member will need to log their acceptance into prosper.

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the 2022 Annual Statement. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

*Diane Cockroft made a motion to take the Maldonado case from the table. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

**Kathleen Maldonado**, Member Survivor Allowance – The board read the opinion letter from Attorney Michael Sacco regarding the hearing that took place last month. The board was in agreement that they felt Mrs. Maldonado was living apart from her husband for justifiable cause.

*Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Member Survivor Allowance of Kathleen Maldonado. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 5-0*

**Tabled Items:**

**Coughlin** DALA appeal

**Wood** – CRAB appeal

**Bradley** – CRAB appeal

**New Members:**

Name	UNIT	Dept or Position	Group
Alba, Isabel	SCH	Para	1
Alvarez, Nicolis	SCH	Para	1
Baez, Lisset	SCH	Para	1
Bisson, Colleen	SCH	Para	1
Batista, Jerrick	SCH	Para	1
Castanos de Guerrero, Ana	SCH	Para	1
Chambers, Florence	SCH	Para	1
Chavez, Nairobi	SCH	Para	1
Ferreira De De Leon, Irene	SCH	Lunch Aide	1
Garcia, Adrian	SCH	Safety Officer	1
Harding, Barbara	SCH	LPN	1
Hernandez, Kanasha	SCH	Para	1
Henriquez, Anibal	SCH	BCBA	1
Henriquez, Marleny	SCH	Para	1
Kamuanga, Jireh	SCH	School Culture Specialist	1
Lugo, Yuliana	SCH	Para	1
Marmol, Alexa	SCH	Family Partnership Specialist	1
Medina, Adrian	SCH	Para	1
Mercedes, Yenni	SCH	Para	1
Oleaga, Anabel	SCH	Para	1
Ortega, Josefina	SCH	Custodian	1
Perez, Catherin	SCH	Para	1
Perez, Elijah	SCH	Para	1
Renaud, Olivia	SCH	Para	1
Reynoso, Olga	SCH	Cafeteria Worker	1
Rodriguez, Jason	SCH	Para	1
Rosario, Jahzeel	SCH	Para	1
Shafique, Hassan	SCH	Para	1
Tavarez, Ana	SCH	Para	1
Ung, Eleana	SCH	Para	1
Rodriguez, Juan	SCH	Para	1
Cardona, Rose	SCH	EMO Fellow	1
Ramalho, Erika	SCH	BCBA	1

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the New Members as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

#### **Refunds:**

Stephanie Polanco	POL	911 Call taker	\$15,583.80
Victor Perez	CTY	CD Administrative Assistant	\$10,367.11
Illeannette Serrano	SCH	CNA	\$ 2,013.42

*Sheryl Wright made a motion approve the Refunds as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. All were in favor 5-0*

#### **Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 02	Voucher # 36-75	\$ 1,068,030.60
Retiree End Checks		\$ 14,434.59

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve Monthly Expenses as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

<b>Monthly pension payroll for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,423,143.85</b>
<b>VOID</b>	<b>\$ -2,860.83</b>

*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve the Monthly Pension Payroll and Void as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

Approval of the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular and executive session **retirement board minutes** as submitted.

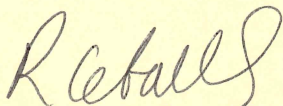
*Diane Cockroft made a motion approve January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 retirement board minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor 5-0*

Copies of bank statements, cashbooks and investment reports 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, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:30 AM.

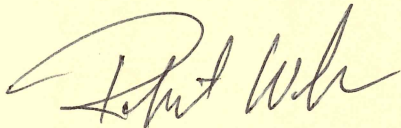
*Being no further business, Robert Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM, seconded by Sheryl Wright. All were in favor. Motion carries 5-0*

Respectfully submitted,

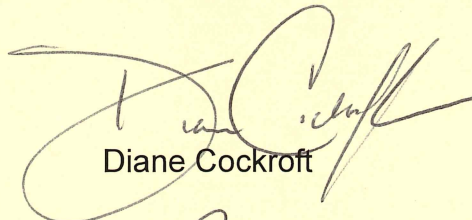


Ramona Ceballos, Chairman

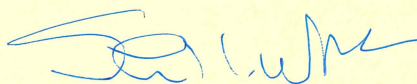
Gina Rizzo, Executive Director



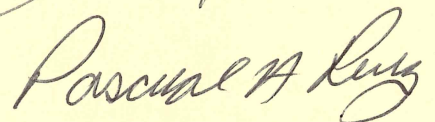
Robert Wilson



Diane Cockroft



Sheryl Wright



Pascual Ruiz