

Lawrence Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

June 30th, 2025 at 8:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:31 am.

Members Cockroft, Wilson, Ruiz and Wright were present. Chairman Ceballos, was absent. Attorney Michael Sacco was remote.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to make member Robert Wilson, Acting Chairman. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to go into executive session at 8:33 to review any applications for disability retirement, associated benefits, litigation strategy, and to consider the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health of individuals with business before the Board. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Roll call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Executive Session:

Theresa Fay – Accidental Death Application

Kelley Saindon – Accidental Death Application

Diane Cockroft made a motion to come out of executive session and resume regular session at 8:58 a.m. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Cockroft-yes, Wilson-yes, Ruiz-yes, Wright-yes. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

New Business:

Diane Cockroft made a motion take the item of Thomas Cuddy out of order. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Lawrence Police Detective and active member, Thomas Cuddy passed away on 06/18/2025 with 25 years and 5 months of service. Our board is pending receipt of an application for member survivor benefits under MGL, Chapter 32, Section 12 (2)(d) from spouse, **Sheila Cuddy**. If approved, Mrs. Cuddy will receive an allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 57,475.44 plus dependent benefits.

Mayoral Senior Advisor Octavian Spanner appeared at the meeting to discuss this item.

Attorney Sacco asked how the board can help Mr. Spanner?

Advisor Spanner said he was in attendance on behalf of Mayor DePena. He informed the board that he had just forwarded an email to Retirement Board Director Rizzo and that he would like to inform the board that there is a current investigation which involves the late Detective Thomas Cuddy. As a courtesy and because the investigation is financial in nature the Mayor wanted to inform the board before it takes any action on the case.

Attorney Sacco thanked Mr. Spanner for sharing the information and informed Mr. Spanner that the item was preliminarily put on the agenda for the family. At this point the board generally won't vote until it receives the application and death certificate which it anticipates receiving in July and would appreciate updates as the case develops.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to table the item of Thomas Cuddy pending receipt of the death certificate. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to take the item of Andrea McCann out of order. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Inspectional Services, Enforcement Prosecutor, **Andrea McCann** would like to purchase her prior part time City of Lawrence service. If approved member would be entitled to 1 year and 7 months (prorated) creditable service for time worked from 06/18/1992-07/08/1998. The cost to purchase is \$8,462.74. Payroll records were obtained via MUNIS. Mrs. McCann was present.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the returning membership and buyback of time for Andrea McCann as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to take the item of Jose Javier out of order. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

DPW, Capital Assets Project Manager, **Jose Javier** would like to purchase his prior refunded MTRS service. If approved member would be entitled to 3 years of creditable service for time worked from 09/01/2000-06/30/2003. The cost to purchase is \$34,796.82 MTRS will assume liability. Mr. Javier was present.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the buyback of time for Jose Javier as submitted. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Maria Baker** a 62-year old Assistant City Treasurer with 32 years of service. If approved, member will retire on July 4th, 2025, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 50,759.04

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the retirement of Maria Baker. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Kevin Misuraca** a 68-year old Fire Department Electrical Inspector with 26 years of service. If approved, member will retire on July 19th, 2025, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 63,125.64.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the retirement of Kevin Misuraca. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Jorge Tejada** a 47-year old LPS Paraprofessional with 23 years and 7 months of service. If approved, member will retire on August 6th, 2025, under an annual Option B allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 10,051.32.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the retirement of Jorge Tejada. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Jorge Gonzalez** an inactive 56-year old LPS Custodian with 14 years and 8 months of service. If approved, member will retire on June 2nd, 2025, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 10,580.88.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the retirement of Jorge Gonzalez. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Jose A. Flores Jr.** a 61-year old Police Patrolman with 34 years and 9 months of service. If approved, member will retire on August 8th, 2025, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 66,476.76.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the retirement of Jose A. Flores Jr. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Frances Ord** a 67-year old School Paraprofessional with 33 years and 2 months of service. If approved, member will retire on June 17th, 2025, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$ 39,024.12

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the retirement of Frances Ord. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Felix Matos** a 67-year old School Custodian with 19 years of service. If approved, member will retire on September 2nd, 2025, under an annual Option C allowance in the approximate amount of \$21,227.40.

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the retirement of Felix Matos. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Beverly Schechter** a 74-year old School Paraprofessional with 30 years of service. If approved, member will retire on June 17th, 2025, under an annual Option A allowance in the approximate amount of \$35,406.96.

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the retirement of Beverly Schechter. Motion was seconded by Diane Cockroft. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Items on appeal:

Ianello – DALA appeal

Bradley – CRAB appeal

Coughlin - CRAB appeal

Wood – CRAB appeal

Bistany – CRAB appeal

Olivero-Oviedo – DALA appeal

New Members:

Name	UNIT	Dept or Position	Group
Mccann, Andrea *	CTY	Enforcement Prosecutor	1
Clark, Marissa	VOC	Employment Success Manager	1
Lopez, Arianna	SCH	Para	1

*Returning member

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the members as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Refunds: * = Rollover

Pamela Jimenez	SCH	Clerk	\$ 8,869.37
Etunishe Yohannes	POL	911 Call Taker	\$ 782.23
Kasandra Ayala	GLVTHS	Clerical Design Specialist	\$ 18,966.90
Juan Acosta	CTY	Laborer	\$ 49,644.57
Jasmine Pimentel	SCH	Paraprofessional	\$ 2,096.91
Maria Baez	SCH	52 Week Clerk	\$ 3,412.30

Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Monthly Expenses:

Warrant # 7	Voucher # 157-191	\$ 335,408.23
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Diane Cockroft made a motion to approve the monthly expenses as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

Monthly pension payroll for June 30, 2025	\$ 2,612,124.42
Special pension payroll for June 6, 2025	\$ 959.08
Voids	\$ -
Retiree End Checks	

Pascual Ruiz made a motion to approve the monthly pension payroll expenses as submitted. Motion was seconded by Sheryl Wright. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call, 4-0.

PRIT Wire redemption Noted by board since already completed

Approval of the **May 27th, 2025 retirement board minutes** as submitted.

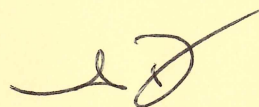
Diane Cockroft made a motion take approve the minutes of the May 27th 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Roll Call – Cockroft=yes, Wilson=yes, Ruiz=yes, Wright-present. Motion was approved 3-1.

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

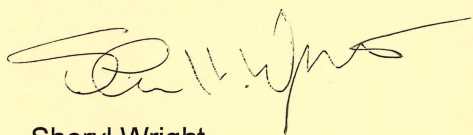
Next meeting will be Monday, July 21st, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Being no further business, Diane Cockroft made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 AM. Motion was seconded by Pascual Ruiz. Motion was approved unanimously, 4-0

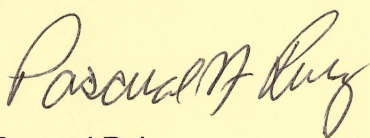
Respectfully Submitted,



Gina Rizzo, Executive Director

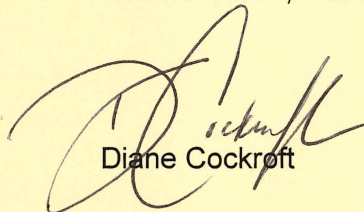


Sheryl Wright



Pascual Ruiz

Robert Wilson, Acting Chairman



Diane Cockroft