

## Lawrence Retirement Board Minutes

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

The Lawrence Retirement Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 8:30 AM. Chairman Bateman was present with Attorney Sacco and members Loughlin, Ceballos, Cuddy and Rizzo. The meeting was called to order at 8:42 AM.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Tomas Speing**, a 73 year old school custodian with 20 years and 4 months of creditable service. If approved, Mr. Speing will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$16,928.64 ( 6-26-18 ret date) Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation of Tomas Speing. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Antoine Hajjar** a 62 year old School safety officer with 18 years and 8 months of service. If approved, Mr. Hajjar will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$ 16,845.48. ( 8-30-18 retirement date) Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the superannuation of Antoine Hajjar. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Denis Pierce**, a 57 year old Captain at the Lawrence Police Dept with 32 months service. If approved, Mr. Pierce will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$ 107,161.20. ( 7-30-18 ret date) Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation of Denis Pierce. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

Tom Cuddy made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:44 AM to discuss the disability cases of : Sanchez and Jameson. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. Vote taken: Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes, Rizzo;yes. 5-0

Involuntary Accidental/Ordinary disability on **Alfredo Sanchez**.

Receipt of completed medical panel in the ADR case of **Joseph Jameson**.

A motion to exit executive session at 9:51 was made by Tom Cuddy, seconded by Gina Rizzo. Vote taken Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes, Rizzo;yes. 5-0

**New Business:** DeSantis- appeal withdrawal- Board was notified by Atty Poser .

Vernava follow up memo 18/2018 PERAC- discussion

**Tabled Items:**

Letter to submit proposed legislation to PERAC- M. Sacco- 3 (8) (c) The board voted at its May meeting to pursue 3 (8)© legislation-discussion. Attorney Sacco will engage with PERAC.

**RFP for Legal services -**

The Lawrence Retirement Board issued an RFP seeking proposals for the Board's legal services on 4/6/18. The RFP was posted on the Secretary of States website, PERAC's website and on the Lawrence Retirement Board's website. There were two publications run in the Eagle Tribune Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (copies in office) There were eight (8) requests for the RFP. Only two were submitted to the Board before the 4/30/18 deadline: The Law Office of Michael Sacco, and Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane, LLP. RFP's were distributed for board members review. The discussion was tabled at the May LRB meeting due to only 3 members present. After reviewing the proposals, the Board decided to ask Attorney Sacco various questions. They proceeded to open up the sealed bids. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to extend Michael Sacco's current contract to 12/31/2018 and sign a new contract beginning 1/1/2019 for seven years. Any contractual increases will be brought before the board. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion to enter into the new contract. The full board was present. Vote taken: Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes, Rizzo;yes. 5-0 Both vendors will be notified in writing.

Gina Rizzo recused herself from the meeting for the following discussion.

**LRB-staff salary increase proposal-**

Kevin Loughlin made a motion to grant a 3% salary increase to the Board's staff. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Tom Cuddy offered a friendly amendment, to granting the increase to 2.5% effective 7/1/2018. Kevin Loughlin accepted the amendment. The vote taken: Bateman;no, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes. Vote 3-1

**New Members:**

Stephanie Polanco	POL	Call Taker	1
Lorena Salazar	CTY	Recycling Coordinator	1
Cristian Manzano	SCH	Computer Technician	1
Alexandra Pena	SCH	Translator/ Clerk	1
Tarsira Melo	POL	Senior Clerk	1

Kevin Loughlin made a motion to accept the new members as submitted. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0

**Refunds:**

Lorimar Roman                      School                      Paraprofessional                      \$ 4,524.66

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the refund as submitted. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0

**Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 22 Voucher # 218-220	\$	1,395.47
Warrant # 23 Voucher # 221-227	\$	1,988.59
Warrant # 24 Voucher # 228-252	\$	370,442.66
Warrant # 25 Voucher #	\$	1,395.47
Warrant # 26 Retiree End Checks	\$	14,970.53

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the monthly expenses as submitted. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0

**Monthly pension payroll for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      \$ 2,108,044.33**

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the June pension payroll as submitted. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0

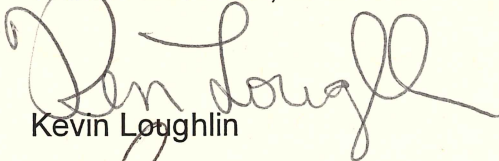
Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 LRB minutes as submitted. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0

The next scheduled retirement board meeting is on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30.

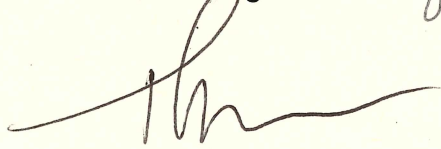
Being no further business Tom Cuddy made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 AM, seconded by Kevin Loughlin. All were in favor. 4-0



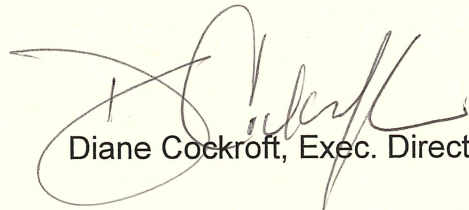
William Bateman, Chairman



Kevin Loughlin



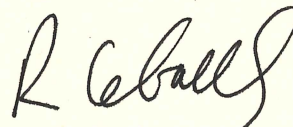
Tom Cuddy



Diane Cockroft, Exec. Director



Gina Rizzo



Ramona Ceballos