

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 6, 2015

Present: Francis Murphy – Chairman, James Monagle, Michael Gardner, John Shinkwin, Ellen Philbin, Attorney James Quirk, Chris Burns and Attorney Thomas Gibson.

Arrived Late: Nadia Chamblin-Foster (Not present for agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10)

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept the regular minutes and the executive session minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2015. The motion carried on a 3-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent and Gardner abstaining.

Agenda #2 - Warrant

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Shinkwin to accept payment of warrant #6 in the amount of \$5,787,074.12 and Warrant #7 in the amount of \$192,094.20. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent.

Agenda Item #3 – Superannuations

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Monagle to accept the Superannuation retirement applications submitted by Maria H. Almeida, Environmental Services Housekeeper, Cambridge Health Alliance with eighteen years eight months, Patricia H. Donahoe, Paraprofessional, School Department with thirty-seven years five months, Gail M. Miller-Hayes, Human Resource Information Specialist, Cambridge School Department with twenty-six years eight months and Christine M. Sanfleben, Director of Compensation and Benefits, Cambridge Health Alliance with eleven years nine months. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent.

Agenda Item #4 – Redeposits / Make up / Liability

The Board reviewed make-up and redeposit worksheets for eight members.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to allow the redeposit of refunds requested by Sabrina L. Acloque, one year eleven months, Robert F. Foote, two months, Ada Torres, five months (pro-rated), to allow the make-up of contributions requested by Christine E. Baer, one year ten months (pro-rated), Dana Ellcock, one year four months (pro-rated), Alan Epstein, four years, Martha Sandoval-Collins, one year two months (pro-rated), Merline Sylvain-Williams, four years five months (pro-rated) and Ada Torres, one year one month. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent.

Agenda Item #5 – Refund Applications

The Board reviewed a list of refund applications submitted in March.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to accept eight refund applications. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent.

The Chairman requested to adjourn the open meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing disability retirement applications. The Chairman stated that the meeting would reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Michael Gardner:	YES
Nadia Chamblin-Foster:	YES
John Shinkwin:	YES
James Monagle:	YES

Francis Murphy: YES

Agenda Item #6 - Accidental Disability Benefit – Suzanne Quinn

The Chairman stated that Quinn requested that her application be postponed until the May meeting as she is considering hiring an attorney to represent her.

Agenda Item #7 - Ordinary Disability Benefit – Maria Sousa

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement, employer's statement and the certificate and narrative report of the joint medical panel.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the findings of the medical panel and grant Ordinary Disability to Maria Sousa, an Assistant Teacher in the School Dept. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 – Accidental Disability Benefit – Kevin Clark

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement, employer's statement and the certificates and narrative reports of the medical panel.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the findings of the medical panel and grant Accidental Disability benefits to Kevin Clark, a Laborer in the Dept. of Public Works. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #9– 12 (2) (d) Survivor Benefit – Paul G. Carli

The Board reviewed the application for survivor benefits filed by Paul Carli and the death certificate for Joyce Carli.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Monagle to grant survivor benefits pursuant to Sec. 12 (2) (d) to Paul Carli, the surviving spouse of Joyce L. Carli, Paraprofessional with Cambridge School Department. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 – Cost of Living Adjustment for Retirees

The Director stated that the Social Security COLA for the past year was 1.7%. Notification was sent to the City Council that the Board would consider a higher COLA. The Chairman also noted that the cost of a 3% COLA was included in the actuarial assumption.

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Shinkwin to grant a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) on a \$14,000 base for Cambridge Retirees, effective July 1, 2015. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Chamblin-Foster absent. Gardner stated that he would vote on the matter, on the advice of counsel that his personal stake in the matter does not constitute a conflict.

Agenda Item #11 – PERAC Memos

No PERAC memos were issued in March.

The Chairman stated that he hoped to publicize information regarding the remarriage penalty via an article in the Mass Retirees newsletter.

Agenda Item #12 - Old Business

The Director reported that Tony Teberio has been working in the office, and assisting in the preparation of accounting schedules. The annual statement should be completed on time. The system has had several issues working with the new State Street representatives. There have been problems making wire transfers in a timely manner. The Director stated that she will be meeting with a State Street representative in two weeks to discuss the problems.

Quirk stated that he received a decision in the Diane Holt case. The magistrate upheld the Board's method of calculating her creditable service.

Agenda Item #13 - New Business

The Board agreed to change the date of the May meeting to May 11 at 5:00 pm.

Quirk reported that Garrett Bradley has requested that the Board Chairman sign an affidavit to attach to their records request. The firm has also investigated several companies who have inserted “dead hand proxy puts” into their governance documents. Bradley believes that Cambridge may have six to eight investments with these sorts of puts. He has requested that Cambridge authorize records requests for these companies. Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to authorize the books and records request. Voted unanimously.

Quirk suggested that the Board may wish to consider an amendment to the investment guidelines to discourage fund managers from investing in firms with these sorts of provisions.

Quirk reported that Cambridge has ceded lead plaintiff status to the Denver Employees Retirement Plan in the case against Western Union. Gardner stated that he feels that the Board ought to make no objection to a change of lead plaintiff unless they feel it would be seriously detrimental to the Board’s position.

Agenda Item #14 - Executive Session

Agenda Item #6 – tabled

Agenda Item #7 – adopted

Agenda Item #8 – adopted

Agenda Item #9 – adopted

Agenda Item #15 - Chairman’s Report

None offered.

Agenda Item #16 - Executive Director’s Report

Cambridge Bancorp will hold their annual meeting on April 27. The Director requested that any members who wish to attend should notify her.

The system will mail annual statements to all members on April 8.

Gardner requested that the Board consider reviewing the performance of Columbia Threadneedle more quickly than was proposed in Segal’s RFP schedule.

The following documents were also reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of Retiree Death.
- Correspondence from Attorney James H. Quirk re: Robert W. Tompkins vs. Denise M. Tompkins.
- Correspondence from Attorney James H. Quirk re: Robert Curley vs. CRB.
- Emerging Market Debt finalists Meeting Agenda.
- Correspondence from attorney James H. Quirk re: CRB Lexington Capital Partners VIII.
- Correspondence from attorney James H. Quirk re: Copy of an Advisory Opinion on Issues Related to Dual Employment Requested by Thomas Gibson, Esq.
- December Financials - General Ledger, Summary of Accounts, Trial Balance, Adjustments, Cash Disbursements, Cash Receipts, Wire Transfers.
- Emerging Market Debt Interview – Agenda.
- SSGA Announcement Letter re: Scott Powers.
- Kenneth Hedgebeth Announcement re: Columbia Threadneedle Investments.
- IRM – Portfolio Investment Report.
- Lazard Asset – Portfolio Review February 2015.
- Pyramis Global Advisors – Monthly Investment Review.

Gardner moved to adjourn at 6:20 pm.