

Minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2023

Present: Francis Murphy – Chair, Michael Gardner, Nadia Chamblin-Foster, Joseph McCann, James Monagle, Ellen Philbin, James Quirk, and Chris Burns.

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM. The meeting was digitally recorded. This was a hybrid meeting, held in-person in the Sheila Tobin Conference Room at 125 CambridgePark Drive, with some participants joining via Webex videoconference.

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes

Motion by McCann, seconded by Gardner to accept the regular minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2023. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Monagle abstaining.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by McCann to accept the executive session minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2023. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Monagle abstaining.

Agenda Item #2 - Warrants

Motion by McCann, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept payment of Warrant #14 in the amount of \$9,574,758.09 and Warrant #15 in the amount of \$493,625.88. Gardner asked if PERAC could perform the audit rather than paying KPMG for the work. Quirk stated that he did not think that PERAC is taking on any additional audits at the moment. McCann noted that the cost of the KPMG audit has only increased by 3% in the last year. He also stated that using the same auditor for the City and the Retirement System makes the process run much more smoothly. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Monagle abstaining.

Agenda Item #3 – Superannuations

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Monagle to accept the Superannuation retirement applications submitted by Manobaldo Amaral, Clinical Psychologist, Cambridge Health Alliance with eleven years, seven months; Elaine Condon, Registered Nurse, Cambridge Health Alliance with seventeen years, seven months; Clifford Cook, Senior Planning Information Manager, Community Development Dept. with thirty-two years, eleven months; Carmen Delagdo, Clinical Social Worker, Cambridge Health Alliance with eighteen years, three months; Karen Francis, Project Manager, Election Commission with thirty-two years, nine months; Donna Gallant, Senior Purchasing Manager, Housing Authority with thirty-five years, six months; Dawn Olcott, Manager/Public Health Nutrition Services, Cambridge Health Alliance with eighteen years, two months; Pravin Tamang, Lead Mechanic, Housing Authority with thirty-three years, four months; Judy Vellucci, Cashier, Traffic & Parking Dept. with thirty-four years, four months; Connie Young, Chief of Staff, Cambridge Health Alliance with twenty years, five months. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Make-ups/Redeposits/Liability

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

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Gardner to allow the make-up of deductions for Benjamin C. Griffiths, on year, four months, and granting acceptance of liability; Cynthia J. Harris, three years, three months, and granting acceptance of liability; Paul F. Hinds, two months; Paul F. Hinds, eleven months. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Monagle, seconded by McCann to allow the redeposit of a refund for William J. Sarchioni, five months. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Refund Applications

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

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by McCann to accept fourteen refund applications. Voted unanimously.

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 the conclusion of the executive session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

James Monagle:	YES
Michael Gardner:	YES
Joseph McCann:	YES
Francis Murphy:	YES
Nadia Chamblin-Foster:	Did not vote due to technical issue

Agenda Item #6 – Accidental Disability Application – Pedro Gonzalez

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement filed in connection with Pedro Gonzalez' application for Accidental Disability benefits. Attorney Leigh Panettiere appeared, representing Pedro Gonzalez.

Gardner moved to accept the application for Accidental Disability benefits filed by Pedro Gonzalez, a Fire Lieutenant, and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Monagle seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Accidental Disability Application – Howard Smith

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement filed in connection with Howard Smith's application for Accidental Disability benefits. Attorney Timothy Smyth appeared, representing Howard Smith.

Motion by McCann, seconded by Monagle to accept the application for Accidental Disability benefits filed by Howard Smith, a Firefighter, and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote, with Chamblin-Foster not voting due to technical issues.

Agenda Item #8 – Accidental Disability Application – Dana Ellcock

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement filed in connection with Dana Ellcock's application for Accidental Disability benefits. Attorney Denitsa Georgiou appeared, representing Dana Ellcock.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the application for Accidental Disability benefits filed by Dana Ellcock, a Paraprofessional in the School Dept., and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 – Accidental Disability Benefit – Jesus Esquivel

The Board reviewed the certificate and narrative reports of three separate medical exams, the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement filed in connection with Jesus Esquivel's application for Accidental Disability benefits. Attorney Michael Akashian appeared, with Jesus Esquivel and Kathleen Esquivel.

Gardner moved to seek clarification from the medical panel. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Monagle moved to accept the majority findings of the medical panel and to grant Accidental Disability benefits to Jesus Esquivel, a Storekeeper in the School Dept. McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-1 vote, with Gardner voting in the negative.

Agenda Item #10 – Maureen Van Stry

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement filed in connection with Maureen Van Stry's application for Accidental Disability benefits.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Monagle to accept the Accidental Disability application filed by Maureen Van Stry, a Paraprofessional in the School Dept, and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 – Accidental Disability Application – Herbert Stern

The Board reviewed the member’s application, treating physician’s statement and employer’s statement filed in connection with Herbert Stern’s application for Accidental Disability benefits. Attorney Thomas Gibson appeared, representing Herbert Stern.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by McCann to accept the application and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 – Survivor Benefit – Nadir Chiclana

The Board reviewed a death certificate for Nadir Chiclana and a request for survivor benefits filed by his surviving spouse.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Monagle to grant survivor benefits pursuant to Section 12 (2) (d) for Susan Yuu-Chiclana, surviving spouse of Nadir Chiclana, a Laborer at Cambridge Health Alliance. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 – Michael O’Shea

The Board reviewed a death certificate, correspondence from Michael O’Shea’s physician and the certificate and narrative report of his 1979 medical panel.

Motion by McCann, seconded by Monagle to grant Accidental Death benefits to Agatha O’Shea, surviving spouse of Michael O’Shea, a retired Firefighter. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #14 – PERAC Memos

The Board reviewed PERAC memo 17. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #15 - Old Business

Not needed.

Agenda Item #16 – New Business

Not needed.

Agenda Item #17 – Executive Session

Agenda Item #6 – adopted

Agenda Item #7 – adopted

Agenda Item #8 – adopted

Agenda Item #9 – adopted

Agenda Item #10 – adopted

Agenda Item #11 – adopted

Agenda Item #12 – adopted

Agenda Item #12 – adopted

Agenda Item #18 - Chairman’s Report

Not needed.

Agenda Item #19 – Executive Director’s Report

Philbin stated visitors are still required to park in the garage at 140 CambridgePark Drive, although there have been no complaints from members about that arrangement.

The KPMG update was scheduled to end on Friday, August 4. There are still a few outstanding issues, but the audit should now be done by August 11. PERAC will begin their audit of the system in mid-September. They have already begun to review the KPMG work papers.

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The retired Cambridge Police & Fire organization will hold a luncheon on September 14. This will be their first in-person gathering since the COVID pandemic.

The following documents were also reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of Retiree Deaths
- Pension Technology Group Announces New President & COO

McCann moved to adjourn at 12:55 pm