

## **Minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2017**

Present: Francis Murphy – Chair, James Monagle, Nadia Chamblin-Foster, John Shinkwin, Ellen Philbin, Attorney James Quirk and Chris Burns.

Absent: Michael Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM. The meeting was digitally recorded.

### **Agenda Item #1– Minutes**

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the regular minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2017. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the executive session minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2017. Voted unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #2 - Warrant**

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept payment of warrant #4 in the amount of \$6,329,157.67 and Warrant #5 in the amount of \$1,071,258.21. Voted unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Superannuations**

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the Superannuation retirement applications submitted by John Callinan, Patrol Officer, Police Department with thirty-two years seven months, Timothy O'Brien, Patrol Officer, Police Department with thirty-three years four months, Gerald R. Reardon, Fire Chief, Cambridge Fire Department with thirty-nine years six months, Gregory P. Russ, Executive Director, Cambridge Housing Authority with twelve years six months, Joanne Shapiro, Training Coordinator, Police Department with fourteen years five months and Jessica A. Souza, RN, Cambridge Health Alliance with eleven years three 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 Shinkwin to allow the make-up of contributions requested by Debra Copeland, two years, Donna M. Jarvis, four years five months (pro-rated), Prina M. Vendetti, two years nine months (pro-rated), and to allow the redeposit of a refund requested by Renee C. Bonnell, two years four months. Voted unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Refund Applications**

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

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept two 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 at the conclusion of the executive session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Nadia Chamblin-Foster:	YES
John Shinkwin:	YES
James Monagle:	YES
Francis Murphy:	YES

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Accidental Disability Application Edwin Cruz**

The Board reviewed the certificate and narrative report of a joint medical panel, the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement pertaining to Edwin Cruz' Accidental Disability application.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the findings of the medical panel and grant Accidental Disability benefits to Edwin Cruz, a Firefighter. Voted unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - PERAC Memos**

The Board reviewed PERAC Memo #14. No action was taken.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Cost of-Living Adjustment (COLA)**

The Board reviewed PERAC Memo #5.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to grant retirees a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment, based on the first \$14,000 effective on July 1, 2017. Voted unanimously.

Monagle stated that he would like to consider increasing the COLA base. The Chairman stated that he would also favor an increase, and that he would like to consider the matter after financial returns for the first quarter of 2017 are available. Quirk reminded the Board that an increase in the COLA base would have to be approved by the City Council.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Old Business**

The Chairman stated that he received correspondence from Professor Max Tegmark at the Future of Life Institute. Tegmark suggested changes to the language of the system's RFPs. The proposed language states that one criterion used to evaluate responses would be the ability to exclude nuclear weapons producing firms from investments. The Chairman stated that he was concerned about the additional fees that the system might incur by divesting, and that he had requested information from State Street on these costs. He stated that, after reviewing the costs, he would be willing to consider modifying the language of the RFPs in order to encourage investment managers to consider more socially responsible investments. Quirk stated that including such language might result in fewer firms being willing to respond to Cambridge's RFPs. He also stated that a firm might be willing to comply with restrictions around nuclear weapons, which include only twenty firms, but would balk at a fossil fuel restriction which included two hundred firms. Shinkwin stated that he was concerned that if the system included a nuclear weapons restriction, there would be increased pressure to create other restrictions. Quirk also suggested the Board may want to consider carefully if they want to impose restrictions independently of the State legislature. The Chairman requested that the matter be included for discussion at the next Board meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #10 - New Business**

Monagle stated that the City would be willing to pay annual appropriations in a single up-front payment. He suggested that the Director may wish to follow up with David Kale before the next payment is due.

#### **Agenda Item #11 - Executive Session**

Agenda Item #6 – adopted

#### **Agenda Item #12 - Chairman's Report**

None offered.

#### **Agenda Item #13 – Executive Director's Report**

The agreed to hold the next investment review meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 11:00 AM.

The following documents were also reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of Retiree Deaths.
- Correspondence from Attorney James H. Quirk re: Dale Sarno vs. Middlesex County Retirement Board.
- People's United Bank re: Annual Vendor Disclosure

Monagle moved to adjourn at 4:10 PM.