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LOCATION: 645 COUNTY ST, UNIT 5, TAUNTON, MA 02780

MEETING AGENDA FOR: January 31, 2024

With the passage of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, retirement boards may continue to hold meetings without a physical quorum or the chair physically present, until March 31, 2025. In the event that this becomes necessary, members of the public who wish to listen/watch/participate in the meeting may do so by contacting Roxanne Donovan at rdonovan@bristolcountyretirement.org for dial-in information.

9:00 A.M.

Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane

Attendees: Katherine A Hesse, Linda Champion and Veronica Turovsky Genin

Review expense, refund, reimbursement and transfer vouchers.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

1. Approve the investment transactions that were executed by Income Research and Management, Inc. (Fixed Income) and Earnest Partners, LSV, Lyrical Partners and Clearbridge (Equities) for the month ending December 2023.
2. Approve all other investment transactions executed in-house thus far for January 2024.
3. Review the Investment Summary Statement for month ending December 2023 as reported to the BCRB by our custodial bank (Wilmington Trust); and a year-to-date performance.
4. Segal Marco Advisors financial updates.

10:00 A.M.

EARNEST PARTNERS

Presenter: Trey Greer

10:15 A.M.

FRONTIER

Presenters: Peter Kuechle, Drew Bennett and Greg Mulready

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS
10:30 A.M.

DAVID SENNOTT
TOWN OF MANSFIELD-POLICE
INVOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY:NONE

OLD BUSINESS-LEGAL

1.

SCOTT SWEETING
TOWN OF NORTON-POLICE
INVOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY: NONE

Review the Regional Medical Panel certificates in which all three physicians have answered yes to all three questions relative to Mr. Sweeting's involuntary accidental disability.

2.

KELLEY COOPER
TOWN OF WESTPORT-SCHOOL
ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY: ROBERT NOVICK

Review PERAC's approval dated January 5, 2024 of the Accidental Disability Retirement Application submitted for Kelley Cooper, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 7.

3.

LYNN GALLANT
TOWN OF SWANSEA-BOARD OF HEALTH
ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY: MORGAN GRAY, ESQ.

Review PERAC's approval dated January 5, 2024 of the Accidental Disability Retirement Application submitted for Lynn Gallant, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 7.

4.

WAYNE JACKMAN
TOWN OF MANSFIELD-FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION

Review PERAC's approval dated January 5, 2024 of the Accidental Disability Retirement Application-Heart Presumption submitted by Wayne Jackman, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 7(94).

5.

JAMES TROMBETTA
TOWN OF REHOBOTH-POLICE CHIEF
ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY: JOSEPH FERREIRA, ESQ.

Review PERAC's approval dated January 5, 2024 of the Accidental Disability Retirement Application-Heart Presumption submitted by James Trombetta, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 7(94).

6.

PAUL R. COTE
Town of Acushnet-Retired Fire Chief Accidental Disability
Date of Death: October 12, 2023

Review PERAC's approval dated January 5, 2024 of the Accidental Death with Cancer Presumption Application submitted by Rochelle Cote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 9 (94B).

7.

STEPHANIE BAPTISTE V. BCRB AND TOWN OF RAYNHAM
CR-20-0001

Review DALA's decision dated January 12, 2024, Attorney Sacco's Memorandum to the Board

Vote on further appealing DALA's decision.

8.

RACHAEL ROSE VS. BCRS
CR-22-0187

Review DALA's FINAL DECISION-DISMISSAL dated January 5, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS – REGULAR

1. Approve the first payment to newly retired members of the Bristol County Retirement System for the month of January 2024.
2. Approve the make-up payments for the purchase of previous creditable service regarding the following members of the retirement system for the month of January 2024.
3. Approve the Bristol County Retirement System fund budget sheet for period ending January 2024.
4. Approve the Trial Balance (with the respective General Ledger, Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursement and Adjustments Reports) of the Bristol County Retirement System for the month ending November 2023.
5. Review a memorandum (#1-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 4, 2024, to the BCRB regarding 840 CMR 10:10(3) % 10:15(1)(c)-Annual Review of Medical Testing Fee. (Annual Memo)
6. Review a memorandum (#2-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 4, 2024, to the BCRB regarding 2024 Interest Rate set at .01% (Annual Memo).
7. Review a memorandum (#3-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 9, 2024, to the BCRB regarding Required Minimum Distribution: Now Age 73 for This Year's Notifications.
8. Review a memorandum (#4-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 9, 2024, to the BCRB regarding 2024 Limits under Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2002. (Annual Memo)
9. Review a memorandum (#5-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 9, 2024, to the BCRB regarding 2024 Limits under Section 23 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010. (Annual Memo)
10. Review a memorandum (#6-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 9, 2024, to the BCRB regarding COLA Notice.

11. Review a memorandum (#7-2024) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated January 19, 2024, to the BCRB regarding Buyback and Make-up Repayment Worksheets,
12. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes for the following month:
December 29, 2023 Regular Meeting
13. New Business (May be reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Employment Matters