

Fall River Retirement Board

Date: September 27, 2023 @ 8:30 AM
At: 21 Father DeValles Blvd., Suite GR1, Fall River, MA 02723

Board members present: Robert Camara; V. Chairman, Bridget Almon, Mark Nassiff, and James Machado
Also present for Board: Michael Pasternak; Executive Director, Atty Michael Sacco
Absent: Arthur Viana

Vice-Chairman Camara called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

V. Chairman Camara advised all present that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore advised that such recordings or transmissions are being made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

Prior Minutes:

The executive director presented the board minutes from the July and August meetings.
A motion was made by Mr. Machado and seconded by Mr. Camara to approve the July minutes.
Motion passed 3-0, Mr. Nassiff abstaining
A motion was made by Mr. Machado and seconded by Mr. Camara to approve the August minutes.
Motion passed 3-0 Ms. Almon abstaining

Warrants:

The Board signed Warrant #2340 acknowledging payment of the August 2023 Retirement Allowances totaling \$3,891,231.84
The Board signed Warrant #2341 totaling \$20,695.51 acknowledging payment of the August 2023 staff payroll.
The Board signed Warrant #2342 authorizing payment of the September 20th vendor payments totaling \$8,204.60
On a motion by Mr. Machado and second by Mr. Nassiff, the warrants noted above were approved for payment.
Motion passed 4-0

The following were distributed to Board for acknowledgement, discussion and/or vote:

PRIM – Performance Summary for July 2023
PERAC 2023 Memo(s) #18, #19

Staffing Issues:

The Executive Director informed the board the candidate discussed at the last board meeting has reapplied for the position. He informed the board he would like to contact her again to determine why she has reapplied and what has since changed with her employment at her current job prompting her to apply again. The board instructed the executive director to reach out to Ms. Slivinski.

Section 15 proceedings:

Attorney Michael Sacco informed the board he has obtained most of the documentation for both Mr. Pessoa and Mr. Correia. He informed the next issue to be decided by the board would be how to hold the necessary hearing(s) for the two members. Being that both parties are incarcerated it is highly unlikely they could appear before the board in any means other than remote participation. Atty Sacco recommended two general courses of action. One he could conduct the remote hearing at his office in the presence of a court stenographer. The second would be to have a remote hearing at a board meeting with the board present. There was discussion amongst the board as to how to proceed and it was quickly determined that having Attorney Sacco conduct the hearings at his office with a court stenographer would be the most prudent and efficient course of action.

There was a motion by Mr. Nassiff and a second by Mr. Machado it was voted to authorize Atty. Michael Sacco to conduct the hearings remotely at his office.
Motion passed 4-0

Election Update

The Executive Director informed the board that two members had now returned nomination papers with the required signatures. Therefore it would be certain an election will be held. He also informed the board the nomination period was still open, however no one else has pulled papers as of this time.

91A Excess Earner Letters

The Executive Director informed the board that five Notices have been received from PERAC regarding excess earners, one has paid back in full by check, and two have requested to payback through withholding of allowance. At least one is contesting his amount.

Superannuation Retirement Applications:


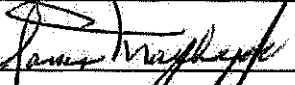
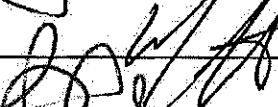

Marilyn Offer – BCTC. – eff 9/29/2023

On a motion by Ms. Almon and second by Mr. Nassiff, the retirement applications noted above were approved for payment.
Motion passed 4-0

Motion to move to executive session by Mr. Machado and second by Mr. Nassiff

Roll Call Vote Almon – Y, Nassiff – Y, Machado – Y, Camara – Y.

Board entered executive session at 9:05 a.m.

	Robert Camara
	James Machado
	Mark Nassiff
	Bridget Almon