

**Arlington Contributory Retirement Board
Meeting Minutes March 27, 2015
At the Town Hall Annex
Second Floor Meeting Room**

Board members present: Chairman John Bilafer, Richard Keshian, Ken Steele, Ruth Lewis and Kenneth Hughes

Call to order Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman Bilafer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Motion and vote to approve Expense Warrants 6, 7 and 8

After review and discussion, Mr. Steele made a motion to approve expense Warrants 6,7 and 8 for payment, seconded by Mr. Keshian. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion and vote to approve Minutes for February 2015

After review and discussion Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the February 2015 Minutes, seconded by Ms. Lewis. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion and vote on retirement application for James White

After review and discussion Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the retirement application for James White, seconded by Ms. Steele. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Name	DOB	Creditable Service	Group	Dept/Pos	Vet Status	Retirement Option	Date
James White	11/14/1956	32 years 0 months	4	Police/Lieutenant	N	C	4/25/2015

Motion to approve new town member

After review and discussion Mr. Steele made a motion to approve new town member, seconded by Mr. Hughes. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bryan Mount	03-23-2015	9+2%	Water System Craftsman

Motion to approve new school members

After review and discussion Mr. Steele made a motion to approve new school members, seconded by Ms. Lewis. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Position</u>
Erin Comeau	01-20-2015	9+2%	Teacher Assistant
Edward Ramos	03-23-2015	9+2%	Bus Driver

Motion and vote on a rollover of accumulated deductions for Sara Rabidoux Kelsey in the amount of \$4,398.49. Ms. Rabidoux Kelsey had 2 years and 2 months of creditable service working for the School Department.

After review and discussion Ms. Lewis made a motion to approve Ms. Kelsey's rollover of accumulated deductions, seconded by Mr. Hughes. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discuss Dave Travers DALA decision

Mr. Greco informed the Board that Mr. Travers had won his appeal at DALA. Mr. Greco reviewed for the Board history of the Travis case. Mr. Travis had a medical panel vote 3-0 denying Mr. Travis an Accidental Disability Retirement though panel did determine Mr. Travis unable to perform his essential duties but the cause was not a work related injury and Mr. Travis was approved for and is receiving an Ordinary Disability Retirement. Mr. Travis disagreed with the panel's finding and appealed the decision to DALA. By winning his appeal Mr. Travis is not granted an Accidental Disability it allows him to have his medical records reviewed by a different three doctor independent medical panel. Board can appeal this decision if it chooses to. After further discussion Mr. Keshian made a motion that the Board not appeal the decision and allow Mr. Travis to have his case reviewed by a new independent medical panel, seconded by Mr. Hughes. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Set date for COLA Vote

Mr. Greco informed the Board that he had been contacted by Human Resources to inform him some unions have negotiated and will be ratifying contracts effective July 1, 2015. With the Town offering increases this allows the Board without opposition based on the verbal agreement with the Finance Committee to grant a COLA for FY 2016. Mr. Hughes made a motion to have the COLA Vote on April 30, 2015, seconded by Mr. Steele. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discuss State Street Bank remote access agreement

Mr. Greco informed the Board that PERAC has asked for permission from Arlington and other Boards to be able to access the Board's State Street Bank Accounts for reporting purposes. State Street has provided an agreement for the Board to sign that Mr. Greco handed out to the Board. Mr. Greco told the Board he had spoke to other retirement system and they are having their attorneys review due to additional fees and concerns over access to accounts. Mr. Keshian made a motion to have Mr. Gorman review the document, seconded by Mr. Steele. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discuss Doreen Piacitelli buyback of non-member time

Mr. Gorman provided the Board with a letter outlining examples of similar situations which CRAB has ruled in favor of the employee and in his opinion Ms. Piacitelli situation is the same as the CRAB cases and does make her eligible to purchase this time back. After review and discussion of the document Mr. Steele made a motion to allow Ms. Piacitelli to buyback this time if she chooses, seconded by Mr. Keshian. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Greco notified the Board that representatives from PRIM will be at the next meeting April 30, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Mr. Greco asked the Board that if it could review the Supplemental Membership Regulation regarding buying back time. After review and discussion, Mr. Keshian made a motion to have Mr. Greco present some examples to the Board for review any purposed changes, seconded by Mr. Steele. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bilafer informed the Board that he was asked by the Vision 20/20 Fiscal Task Force to present a committee report to Town Meeting and he will do so.

Adjourn

At 6:00 Mr. Hughes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Steele. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.