Somerville Retirement Board Meeting January 30, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Somerville **Contributory** Retirement Board duly posted to be held in the Conference Room at 323 Broadway, Somerville, MA (also conducted remotely online via Go To Meeting) on the above date was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chairman Bean with Board Members Memory, Ross and Castellarin. Also in attendance was Executive Director Michael Pasquariello & attorney M. Feeney. All votes roll call (unanimous, except where noted). Board Member Mastrobuoni was not in attendance.

Any person wishing to make a video or audio recording of the open session portion of this meeting must notify the Chair prior to recording and is subject to reasonable requirements of the Chair as to ensure that the recording does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Is there any person recording this meeting? there was <u>No</u> response.

New Business:

- 1. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve the Regular and Executive Session **minutes** of the 12/19/2024 meetings and sign them into record. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- 2. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to accept and process the *following* received account **TRANSFER** request(s) from: (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin) MTRS to Transfer the account of Kevin Van Horn. \$3.167.14
- 3. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously **Voted** by the Board to accept and process the *following* Application(s) for **Withdrawal** of Accumulated Total Deductions for: (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- Georgianna Minenna, Health & Human Services, Total Rollover amount is \$18,265.31
- Adriana Villa-Perez, SPS, Total Refund amount is \$3,436.41
- Joseph Ferreira, SHA, Total Refund amount is \$56,275.39
- Widline Joseph, Parking, Total Refund amount is \$46,618.45
- 4. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve, issue payment and authorize the corresponding wire transfer for <u>Cash Disbursement Vendor Warrant</u> # 1-2025 in the amount of \$511,947.76 (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- 5. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to issue payment and authorize the corresponding wire transfer for gross monthly **Retiree Payroll Warrant** # 1-2025 in the amount of \$2,946,383.79 for January 2025. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- 6. Received **Superannuation Retirement Applications** from:

• NAME Option /2024

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve and process the *above* Superannuation retirement applications. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)

7. The following new hire(s) have <u>not</u> completed their Statement of Record-Membership Application: *None*

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to execute and deliver a **Suspension Letter** to each individual on the *above* list. No Vote required.

8. <u>NOTE</u>: Received **PERAC final calculation approval** letter for the *following* previously Board

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approved **new Retirees**:

•	Lie Har Chao	Option C	11/01/2024
•	Kristyne Reis	Option C	10/15/2024
•	Kathryn McDaid	Acc Dis Opt A	03/19/2023

- 9. Received *Military Buyback* request from Daniel Rego, a current Member of the Somerville Retirement System (Police), to buy-back 4 years of service. Upon proper make-up payment of \$12,451.77 to the Somerville Retirement Board, the Somerville Retirement Board will accept liability for four (4) years creditable service. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve and process the buyback. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- 10. Received *Military Buyback* request from Diogo Deoliveira, a current Member of the Somerville Retirement System (Police), to buy-back 3 years of service. Upon proper make-up payment of \$12,141.32 to the Somerville Retirement Board, the Somerville Retirement Board will accept liability for three (3) years of creditable service. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve and process the buyback. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- 11. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to sign the *following* **certificates** and include them for Membership in the Somerville Retirement System: (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin)
- Certificate #10513, Mario Valladares Blanco, Group 1; Certificate #10514, Erin Clifford, Group 1; Certificate #10515, Amara Anosike, Group 1; Certificate #10516, Eillen Buruca, Group 1; Certificate #10517, Carmen Canales Chacare, Group 1; Certificate #10518, Natali Cardona Restrepo, Group 1; Certificate #10519, Tayla Casey, Group 1; Certificate #10520, Kathryn Cole, Group 1; Certificate #10521, Kyle Coston, Group 1; Certificate #10522, Paul Federico, Group 1; Certificate #10523, Jason Freeman, Group 1;
- 12. Reviewed and discussed the November 2024 <u>accounting reports</u> and 3 <u>bank account reconciliations</u>.

The following retirees recently passed away:

•	Roger Perez	12/27/2024	Option C
•	Giovanina Mearls	12/21/2024	Option B, Neg annuity, benefits cease
•	Marilyn Roche	12/18/2024	Option B, Neg annuity, benefits cease
•	Marie Vetrano	01/12/2025	Option B, Neg annuity, benefits cease

Received from PERAC the following Memoranda:

Memo # 32/2024	Tobacco Company List
Memo # 33/2024	Q1 2025 PERAC Education Training Schedule
Memo # 34/2024	Medical Testing Fee
Memo # 1/2025	2025 Interest Rate 0.1%
Memo # 2/2025	WEP & GPO
Memo # 3/2025	Required Minimum Distribution age 73
Memo # 4/2025	IRS 2025 Limits (compensation & Benefit)
Memo # 5/2025	2025 Limits under Section 23 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010
Memo # 6/2025	S.S. COLA 2.5%
Memo # 7/2025	Buyback & Make-up 2025 Worksheets
Memo # 8/2025	Inv Manager Statements - PROSPER

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Legal Update: attorney Matthew Feeney

Old Business:

- Continued discussing **Fossil Free Somerville (FFS)/MA Divest**. The Board continues to research and gather information regarding the effect of fossil fuel divestment on the investment portfolio, MA gen laws Chapter 32 & related regulations. Reviewed the current <u>S&P Index Return Tracking Report</u>.
- **-Real Estate RFP** Update: received 44 strategies from 36 managers (<u>list</u>). The Director has created all of the evaluation spreadsheets and <u>Management Fee Summary</u>. Access to all of the submissions are available and copies provided for all Board Members. Evaluations were completed in January. All submissions were discussed. The Board decided to not invest in a core strategy as all of the returns are less than the assumed investment rate of return of 7.5%. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to select and schedule 7 firms (UBS, Oaktree, Invesco, AEW, Intercontinental, TerraCap and FCP) to interview; schedule 3 interviews with UBS, Oaktree and Invesco for the February 27 meeting. The remaining 4 will be scheduled possibly at a March special meeting, date to be determined. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to authorize the Director to formally liquidate the current UBS investment (core strategy) and get in the redemption line. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin).
- -ABL Tech (located in Florida 20 years) offering MVerify death audit services to MA retirement boards at \$750. per year for 3 years comparable to PBI 's Certi Death level (highest level, verify death 99% accuracy) which would be approximately \$4,000. per year with PBI; Save \$250. per year and update to highest service level. Tabled 10/31/2024, 11/25/2024. Director received favorable feedback from other MA Boards using ABL Tech. As a show of good faith ABL provided access, ran and reviewed a Retiree & In-actives file for free. Director & Attorney Feeney worked with ABL to improve the liability draft contract language increasing the cap and adding years 4 and 5. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to authorize the Director to finish and execute the contract with ABL and send formal notification of termination to PBI. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin).

At 10:40 AM on a motion duly made and seconded it was **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to **ENTER** Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the status of accidental disability files/applications, personnel and legal strategy. will return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Edward Bean YES Michael Mastrobuoni

Thomas Ross YES John Memory YES

David Castellarin YES

On a motion duly made and seconded it was **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to **END** Executive Session at 11:00 AM and **RETURN** to Open Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE to END EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Edward Bean YES Michael Mastrobuoni John Memory YES Thomas Ross YES

David Castellarin YES

Reporting the following Executive Session votes:

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Board Member Memory, 2025 16:53 EST

Board Member Castellarins 14:09 EST

No Votes were taken in Executive Session.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 AM. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin and Mastrobuoni)

Electronically signed by: Edward

Electronically signed by: Thomas Ross Reason: Accepting. I have reviewed and everything looks

Vice Chairman Rosses 18, 2025 22:06 EST

Board Member Mastrobuoni