

## Somerville Retirement Board Meeting February 27, 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 10:08 AM by Chairman Bean with Board Members Memory, Ross & Mastrobuoni. Also in attendance was Executive Director Michael Pasquariello & attorney M. Feeney. All votes roll call (unanimous, except where noted). Board Member Castellarin 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 No 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 1/30/2025 meetings and sign them into record. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin & Mastrobuoni)
  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 & Mastrobuoni)
    - Stoneham Retirement Board to Transfer the account of Kevin Henriquez, \$29,937.55
    - MTRS to Transfer the account of Paula Chavez-Pleitez, \$4,369.95
    - Cambridge Retirement Board to Transfer the account of Jane Philbrick, \$79,859.80
    - Lowell Retirement Board to Transfer the account of Yuris Guzman, \$3,518.86
    - State Retirement Board to Transfer the account of Denise Molina, \$35,901.74
  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, & Mastrobuoni)
    - Erik Larson, OSE, Total Rollover amount is \$30,442.01
  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 Cash Disbursement Vendor Warrant # 2-2025 in the amount of \$481,042.30 (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin & Mastrobuoni)
  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 # 2-2025 in the amount of \$2,930,555.55 for February 2025. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin, & Mastrobuoni)
  6. Received **Superannuation Retirement Applications** from:

• Gerald Rymill	Option C	3/1/2025
• John O'Connell	Option C	4/30/2025
- 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, & Mastrobuoni)
7. The following new hire(s) have not completed their Statement of Record-Membership Application:  
*None*

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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. **NOTE:** Received **PERAC final calculation approval** letter for the *following* previously Board approved new Retirees:

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| • Laura Semple | Option B | 11/15/2024 |
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9. 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 #10524, Rachel Lake, Group 1; Certificate #10525, Ryan Quinn, Group 1 ; Certificate #10526, Group 1 ; Certificate #10527, Angela Giordano, Group 1 ; Certificate #10528, Kevin Ryan, Group 1; Certificate #10529, Daniella Maney, Group 1; Certificate #10530, Brooke Martel, Group 1; Certificate #10531, Christopher Montejo, Group 1; Certificate #10532, Khileigh O'Leary, Group 1; Certificate #10533, Carmen Perez, Group 1; Certificate #10534, Naima Sait, Group 1;

10. Received a *Military Buyback* request from Mark Atwater, a current Member of the Somerville Retirement System (Firefighter), to buy-back 1 year & 7 months of service. Upon proper make-up payment of \$13,325.59 to the Somerville Retirement Board, the Somerville Retirement Board will accept liability for One (1) year and Seven (7) months of creditable service. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve and process the buyback.

11. Reviewed and discussed the December 2024 accounting reports and 3 bank account reconciliations.

12. Reviewed and discussed the Q4 2024 Budget vs Actual Report. The Director will post a copy on the website.

13. Review and discuss the current Investment Policy.

14. Cyber Liability Insurance policy expires 4/29/2025 (with Coalition through Gallagher); our annual questionnaire has been submitted to Gallagher, waiting to receive a quote. The Director has been working with Jeff Lydon from Lydon & Murphy Insurance. Elpha is offering the same \$1m liability but with only a \$5k deductible for \$7,684. premium, saving over \$5k or a \$2m liability for \$9,525. saving over \$3k. Social Engineering coverage is capped at \$250k; could increase this coverage also. On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to approve and secure the \$1m Cyber Liability Ins. policy (\$7,684. Premium) and additional \$750,000. Social Engineering Ins. (\$12,186.premium) with Elpha.

The following retirees recently passed away:

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| • Scott Gamble | 2/12/2025 | Option B, neg annuity, benefits cease |
| • Joseph Bryan | 2/17/2025 | Option B, neg annuity, benefits cease |

Received from PERAC the following Memoranda:

Memo # 9/2025	Actuarial Data
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Legal Update: attorney Matthew Feeney

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### **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 S&P Index Return Tracking Report.

**-Real Estate RFP** - Update: received 44 strategies from 36 managers (list). The Director has created all of the evaluation spreadsheets and Management Fee Summary. Access to all of the submissions are available and copies provided for all Board Members. Evaluations were completed in January.

1/30/2025: 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%. Board Voted to authorize the Director to formally liquidate the current UBS investment (core strategy) and get in the redemption line. Board Voted to select and schedule 7 firms (UBS, Oaktree, Invesco, AEW, Intercontinental, TerraCap and FCP) to interview; scheduled 3 interviews with UBS, Oaktree and Invesco for the February 27 meeting. The remaining 4 will be scheduled at a March (4) special meeting. 2/27/2025: UBS – Maria Bascetta & Colin Armstrong (withdrew their submission, due to a liquidity event). Oaktree - Eli Plangger & Mark Jacobs made their presentation and updated submission; core plus strategy, open end fund, very diversified (minimal office exposure), value, risk control, highlighting high growth markets; double the fund in 5-7 years. 1% management fee. Invesco – Alex Dodge & Max Swango made their presentation and updated submission; core plus open end fund, maintain 45% multifamily assets, 32% debt, 96% occupied, target growth population and employment markets, no redemption que, quarterly capital calls, 1.2% management fee (no incentive fee).

At 12:00 PM/Noon 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	YES
Thomas Ross	YES	John Memory	YES
David Castellarin			

On a motion duly made and seconded it was **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to **END** Executive Session at 12:41 PM and **RETURN** to Open Session.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE to END EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Edward Bean	YES	Michael Mastrobuoni	YES
John Memory	YES	Thomas Ross	YES
David Castellarin			

Reporting the following Executive Session votes:

Board Voted to approve the accidental disability application of K. McDevitt based on the 3 medical panel reports.

Board Voted to request a medical panel for accidental disability applicant M. Avery.

Board Voted to table the City's involuntary accidental disability application for B. Alcaraz.

Board Voted to request the medical records for accidental disability applicant B. Alcaraz.

Board Voted to send N. Andover email communications and job description (detail officer) regarding K. McDaid to PERAC.

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On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously Voted by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 PM. (Yes: Bean, Ross, Memory, Castellarin and Mastrobuoni)

*Edward Bean*  
Chairman Bean  
Electronically signed by: Edward Bean  
Reason: Accepting. I have reviewed and everything looks good  
Date: Feb 28, 2025 14:43 EST

*Thomas Ross*  
Vice Chairman Ross

*Michael Mastrobuoni*  
Board Member Mastrobuoni  
Electronically signed by: Michael Mastrobuoni  
Reason: Accepting. I have reviewed and everything looks good  
Date: Feb 28, 2025 12:31 EST

*john memory*  
Board Member Memory  
Electronically signed by: john memory  
Reason: Accepting. I have reviewed and everything looks good  
Date: Feb 28, 2025 15:03 EST

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Board Member Castellarin