

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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February 23, 2021 10:02 a.m.

Pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Order of the Governor Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Board members and members of the public can access the meeting remotely, by either following the link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/481321237> or by calling +1 (571) 317-3122 on a telephone and entering Access Code: 481-321-237.

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A public remote meeting of the Fitchburg Retirement Board was held in the retirement office on the third floor of the City Hall building at 718 Main Street Fitchburg. All Fitchburg Retirement Board members participated remotely. Calvin D. Brooks (Chair), Mary E Cringan, Thomas Dateo Jr., Norman J. LeBlanc and John C. Curran.

Discussed the February 4, 2021, resignation of Ellen M Jerszyk, the Mayor's appointee to the Board, and welcoming Mary Cringan, Mayor's appointee to the Board as of February 9, 2021. Mary E. Cringan thanked everyone for the warm welcome and she is looking forward to working with the Fitchburg Retirement Board, all agreed.

Approve February 2021 warrant, and January 26, 2021 minutes. On a motion made by Norman J. LeBlanc and seconded by Thomas Dateo Jr to approve February 2021 warrant and the January 26, 2021 Board minutes. Vote by roll call, John C. Curran, YES. Thomas Dateo Jr., YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

Approve January 2021 Bank Statements. On a motion made by John C. Curran and seconded by Norman J. LeBlanc to approve January 2021 Accounting. Vote by roll call, John C. Curran, YES. Thomas Dateo Jr., YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

Review and approve retirements as follows:

Robin Starkey, Head Clerk, Fitchburg Police Department. Superannuation Retirement Allowance, Option A, effective February 26, 2021. On a motion made by John C. Curran and seconded by Norman J. LeBlanc to approve Robin Starkey's Superannuation Option A retirement. Vote by roll call, John C. Curran, YES. Thomas Dateo Jr., YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

Retiree Deaths:

2/10/21	Norma L'Ecuyer, Option B, Clerk School	1/31/1990
2/21/21,	Richard Fitzpatrick, Option B, Police Dept	1/2/2009

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Admit to Membership:

Rodriguez, Ilanit	– School Dept. – Paraprofessional	01/04/21
Munoz, Albert	– School Dept. – Adjust Counselor	01/25/21
Brandon, Douglas	– Water Dept. – SMEO	01/26/21
Resto, Elizabeth	– FHA – Administrative Clerk	01/25/21

On a motion made by John C. Curran and seconded by Norman LeBlanc. to approve new members. Vote by roll call, John C. Curran, YES. Thomas Dateo Jr., YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

Discussed a new copier, Phil Dawson from the IT department joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to explain the copiers that the city is currently offering to purchase for the retirement office. The Board would like to put this on hold for now. Phil Dawson left the meeting.

New Business:

Thomas Dateo Jr. brought up the idea of getting something special for Ellen Jerszyk, to thank her for her years of service on the Retirement Board. The Board thought that would be a nice gesture, but it was clear that this would have to be purchased by the individuals not the Retirement System.

Voted on a motion made by John C. Curran and seconded by Mary E. Cringan to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Vote by roll call, John C. Curran, YES. Thomas Dateo Jr., YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

YES. Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

The following payment was approved for the February warrant: \$1,985,557.29

Applications for withdrawal of accumulated deductions were: \$ 193,152.11

Management fees for February were: PRIT Core Fund \$ 19,678.29

Respectfully submitted,



Tina M. Schneider
Board Administrator

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The Retirement Board hereby attests to the accuracy of the minutes.

Al. D. Budo

Mary E. Spinger

John J. Lee

Robert D. Dato

March 23, 2021 9:52 a.m.

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COLA Meeting

In accordance with MGL Chapter 32, Section 103 (i), The purpose of the meeting is to address the increase to the fiscal year 2022 cost-of-living allowance paid to those receiving retirement benefits from the Fitchburg Retirement System.

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Board discussed the FY22 COLA to begin July 1, 2021. Discussed the CPI of 1.3% and the option to give the maximum of 3% on the first \$12,000 of benefit. On a motion made by John Curran and seconded by Thomas Dateo Jr. to approve a 3% COLA on the first \$12,000 of the retirement benefit resulting in a maximum of \$360 annual increase. Vote by roll call, Thomas Dateo Jr. YES, John C. Curran, YES, Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

On a motion made by Mary E. Cringan and seconded by Norman Leblanc to adjourn the COLA meeting at 9:54 a.m. Vote by roll call, Thomas Dateo Jr. YES, John C. Curran, YES, Norman J. LeBlanc, YES. Mary E. Cringan, YES. Calvin Brooks, YES. Unanimous (5-0).

Regular monthly meeting

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Reviewed and approved March 2021 warrant and February 23, 2021 minutes. On a motion made by Norman J. LeBlanc and seconded by Mary E. Cringan to approve March 2021 warrant and the February 23, 2021 Board minutes. Vote by roll call, Thomas Dateo Jr. YES, John C. Curran,