

SAUGUS RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Saugus Retirement Board duly posted and held in the Town Hall Annex, 25R Main St, Saugus, MA on the above date was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Cross, with Board Members Decareau, Gannon, and Matarazzo present. Board Member DiBari arrived after the Warrant approvals.

In addition, present at this meeting were Board Staff Ann Quinlan, Theresa Richards, and Wainwright Representatives: Michael Dwyer and Jeff Fabrizio.

Minutes

- Board Member Gannon made a motion, seconded by Board Member Matarazzo to approve the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and sign them into the records. The Board voted 4-0 in favor.

Payments:

A motion made by Board Member Decareau and seconded by Board Member Matarazzo, voting 4-0 in favor to issue payment for:

- Retirement Board Expense Voucher #81-91 for the month of July 2023, for \$68,743.54.
- Payroll Warrant #7/2023 for \$831,905.57.
- Staff Payroll Warrant #7/2023 for \$12,701.03.
- PRIT General Allocation to Private Equity Exchange on 7/3/2023 for \$106,577.11.

Refund to Member:

The Board noted that the following member took a refund, as approved on this month's expense voucher. A motion made by Board Member Gannon and seconded by Board Member Decareau and voting 4-0 in favor to grant the following benefits:

- Brett Morey, Dispatcher, Police Department, resigned on 4/23/2023 and was refunded effective on 7/27/23. His service was 4/13/22-4/23/23 – 3% Interest.
- Amanda Farrell, Paraprofessional, terminated on 6/14/23 and was refunded effective on 7/27/23. Her service was 9/7/21-6/23/22, 8/29/2022-6/14/2023 – regular Interest.

Investments:

Mike Dwyer gave an overview of the May 2023 statement. The Federal Reserve raised the interest rate ¼ point. The Federal Reserve will meet again in the fall and may raise it again.

Jeff Fabrizio reviewed the MT&T Bank's report which shows the total fund at \$142,124,634.00 as of May 30, 2023. The total fund YTD was up 3.16% which is only 5 months in the new year however, the 3 year is at 8.62%. The Total general allocation was 3.89% YTD. The total equity fund was 2.87% YTD with Russell 1000 at 9.31% YTD, LMCG at -1.89% YTD and Aristotle at -4.83% YTD. International Equity – MFS at 9.28% YTD. Rhumblin Core and Lord Abbett were 2.39% and 2.70% respectively. The PRIM core real estate was -1.16%. Total venture capital was 3.11% YTD and PRIM Hedge fund was 2.27% YTD.

The transfers for the portfolio reallocation are taking place on August 1st and August 2nd for the Investment Managers outside of PRIT. The PRIT Core Real Estate and the PRIT Hedge Fund transfers will take place on September 1st and October 2nd. The rebalancing to 3rd party managers is as follows:

\$2,000,000.00 Rhumblin Russell 1000
 \$2,000,000.00 LMCG Midcap Core Collective Fund
 \$5,000,000.00 Lord Abbett Small Cap Growth Equity Trust II

\$4,000,000.00 MFS Inst. Intl Equity Fund Net
 \$8,000,000.00 Rhumblin Core Bond Pooled Index Fund
 \$4,000,000.00 Lord Abbett High Yield Core Trust II
 \$1,000,000.00 PRIT Core Real Estate Fund
 \$4,000,000.00 PRIT Hedge Fund

Items for Discussion:

The 3% COLA the Board granted was paid in the July 27, 2023 retirement payroll effective 7/1/2023. Anyone eligible has been notified in their notice of deposit.

A list of eligible Saugus Retirement Retirees/Survivors has been sent to Stacy Billingsley, Benefit coordinator with updated addresses. Ms. Billingsley is reviewing the information and will update the Retirement office when the payments are being processed.

The Board has scheduled a disability hearing for August 29, 2023 to discuss the results of the medical panel clarification for Lorenzo Internicola. Mr. Internicola and his Attorney confirmed their attendance at the meeting. Chief Ricciardelli and the Board Attorney Michael Sacco will also be attending.

Mrs. Quinlan reviewed the Town of Saugus Health Insurance report to verify the records match the Retirement Board's for any recent changes to enrollment for Retirees/Survivors. There were some differences and Ms. Billingsley was notified of any changes that need to be made. The process between the departments has improved and Ms. Billingsley has been very helpful.

Attorney Sacco sent a few memos regarding an article that was in the Newspaper regarding his departure as CEO of the Worcester Regional Retirement System. He has stated the accusations are false and any Board member who would like to speak with him can call him anytime. He will be attending the August meeting and can address any concerns at that time as well. As a reminder, his 5-year contract will expire in December and the Board can choose to renew it for another 2 years or go out for an RFP. The Board will need to address this at the next Board meeting in case they choose for an RFP, this would need to be done immediately.

Copies of the following included for review and/or discussion:

- PERAC Memos: #14/2023: Tobacco Company List
- PERAC Memo: #15/2023: 91A Prosper Tasks
- PERAC Memo: #16/2023: Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training
- Rhumblin Russell 1000 & Core Bond Investment Statements- June 2023
- Lord Abbett Statement- May 2023
- MFS Statement – June 2023
- Aristotle Statement- June 2023
- LMCG Statement- June 2023
- PRIT Performance – May 2023
- PRIT – Exchange PEVY 6/1/2023 - \$106,577.11
- MT&T Bank 5/2023 - \$3,272.08
- PRIT -Auto Redemption -07/27/2023– \$625,000.00
- Wainwright Meeting Review –May 2023 Review

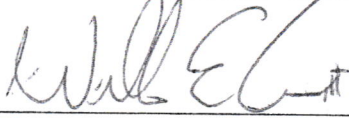
- Trial Balance, Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursement, Adjustments, Eastern Bank (3) Account Statements, Peoples' Bank Account Statement, Treasurer's' Reconciliation- May 2023
- Attorney Sacco- Email – Recent Developments

Adjournment of Open Meeting

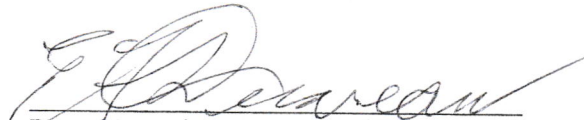
There being no further business to come before the Board, at 12:30 p.m., a motion was made by Board Member Gannon and seconded by Board Member Decareau and voted 5-0 in favor of adjourning the Open Meeting.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 1:00pm.

APPROVED BOARD OF RETIREMENT:



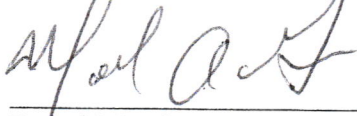
 Board Chairman Cross



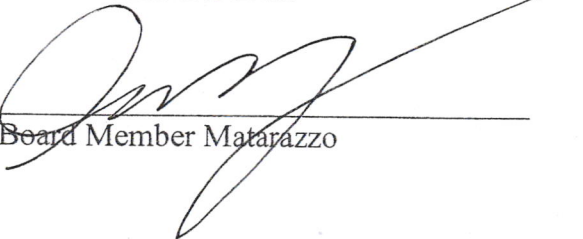
 Board Member Decareau



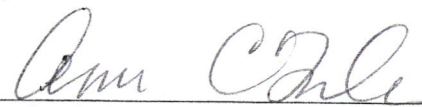
 Board Member DiBari



 Board Member Gannon



 Board Member Matarazzo



 Board Administrator Quinlan