

**Minutes
Retirement Board Meeting of
August 27, 2019**

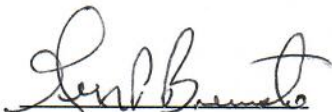
The monthly meeting of the Marlborough Retirement Board was held on August 27, 2019. Gregory Brewster, William Taylor, David Keene, Diane Smith, Daniel Stanhope, Margaret Shea, and Nathaniel Chen were present. The meeting was held in the Mayor's Conference Room in City Hall.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 30, 2019. Vote unanimous.
3. The Board members met with Stephen MacLellan of the Meketa Group to review the investment performance. He began his presentation by discussing world markets. As of July 31, 2019, the assets of the system totaled \$182.8 million. All asset classes were within their ranges. The fund returned .4% for July bringing the year-to-date performance to 11.7%. MacLellan spoke briefly about Frontier Capital which has suffered from succession issues and lower than benchmark performance. He briefed the members on the upcoming custodial search and the reclassification of the Board's investment in Payden & Rygel. Meketa and Payden negotiated a discounted fee for Meketa's clients invested in the emerging bond strategy that can be accessed by investing in a special share class of Payden's collective investment trust. The fee savings would be approximately \$8,300.00 per year.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer to Payden's collective trust (CIT) vehicle. Vote unanimous.

4. The review of the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2019 was the next item on the agenda. Dan Sherman reviewed primary results comparison which indicated a 2.2% increase in membership and a 5.1% increase in payroll from January 1, 2017. The Board reviewed several assumption alternatives but focused on the alternative that smoothed assets and instituted a revised mortality table. Under these assumptions, the funding ratio dropped slightly from 76.4% to 75%. The Board reviewed two funding schedules under these options; one with 4.5% increasing payments with full funding reached in 2028 and another 4% increasing payments also reaching full funding in 2028. After discussion, the Board asked Mr. Sherman for funding schedules which assumed a COLA base increase to \$14,000. The Board told Mr. Sherman that they would consider the schedules and vote at the September meeting.
5. Approval of retirements was the next item on the agenda. The following individuals were scheduled to receive a superannuation retirement allowance in August of 2019: David Brumby and Benjamin Hatch. After a review of pertinent information, a motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote unanimous.

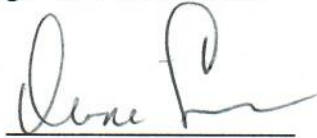
6. Brianna Kobus and Ana Cabral had applied for refunds of their annuity savings accounts. The Middlesex County Retirement System had requested a transfer of Page Peak's account. A motion was made and seconded to approve all refunds and the transfer. Vote unanimous.
7. The Board reviewed the lease amendment negotiated with the Antico Company. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Vote unanimous.
8. The Board reviewed a cash flow analysis and operating budget as of August 31, 2019. The Board also reviewed the July 2019 cashbooks, journals, and trial balance. The Board reviewed reconciliations and bank statements for April, May, June, and July. A motion was made and seconded to accept and place on file. Vote unanimous.
9. New Business / Old Business was the next item on the agenda. There was no old business. Under new business, the Board reviewed amount due to Fran Forance for temporary employment. The Board also reviewed information about the PERAC Emerging Issues Forum and the MACRS Fall Conference.
10. The Board approved the following warrants: retiree payroll warrant for August 2019, #202019, and #212019.
11. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous.



Gregory P. Brewster




David Keene



Diane Smith

Daniel J. Stanhope



William S. Taylor