

SALEM RETIREMENT BOARD  
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2015  
12:00 P.M.

**I. Regular Matters of Business**

In attendance at this regular meeting of the Salem Retirement Board (“the Board”) were Chairman Sarah M. Hayes, Kimberley L. Driscoll, Robert T. Lutts, and Sarah A. Stanton.

Absent: John H. Burke, Jr.

Also in attendance: Executive Director Paul Findlen.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:25 p.m.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting, held on February 3, 2015, were reviewed and, on a motion made by Ms. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Lutts, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the January meeting minutes as submitted.

The warrants for the month of February were reviewed and, on a motion made by Ms. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Lutts, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the February warrants as submitted.

All retirements for the month of February were formally acknowledged, and on a motion made by Mr. Lutts and seconded by Ms. Driscoll, the Board voted 4-0 to acknowledge the February retirements as submitted.

All recent new enrollments were formally acknowledged, and on a motion made by Ms. Driscoll and seconded by Ms. Stanton, the Board voted 4-0 to acknowledge the new enrollments as submitted.

**II. Treasurer’s Report**

Board Treasurer, Kathleen McMahon, presented a comprehensive report on the monthly reconciliation performed by the Board Treasurer on behalf of the Board. The Board reviewed the reconciliation report for the month of January. On a motion made by Mr. Lutts and seconded by Ms. Stanton, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

**III. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Findlen presented the Board with a trial balance through the month of December, as well as a report on all cash receipts for the month of January for the Board’s review. Mr. Findlen noted that the trial balance reflects some of the annual statement preparation being performed in anticipation of closing out the accounting year for 2014. Mr. Findlen also presented the Board with a monthly expenditure report for the month of January. Mr. Findlen reported that the PRIT Fund experienced some positive growth for the month of January, noting that PRIM’s asset allocation appears to be paying off, as equities experienced losses while PRIM’s fixed income investments experienced enough growth to produce a net gain for the month of January.

#### **IV. PERAC Memos**

The Board reviewed PERAC memo #8, regarding a Superior Court decision and its implications on the Remarriage Penalty. Mr. Findlen spoke briefly about the memo and its relevance to the SCRB. Mr. Findlen also included prior PERAC memos #15 and #51 from 2012, as a refresher on procurement procedure changes under Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011.

#### **V. Old Business**

The Board took up unfinished business regarding its desire to terminate its custodial relationship with State Street Bank. Mr. Findlen relayed the communication between Board Counsel Tom Gibson and PERAC, in which PERAC expressed their willingness to allow the Board to terminate its relationship with State Street Bank as long as the Board is able to retain the custodial services of another bank to manage the liquidation of the Board's investment with Ascent Venture Partners. If the Board would like to retain the custodial services of another bank, it would need to issue an RFP and follow the procurement process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 32 § 23B. On a motion made by Mr. Lutts and seconded by Ms. Driscoll, the Board voted 4-0 to initiate the RFP process to secure bids for custodial services.

#### **VI. New Business**

The members of the Board each expressed an interest in attending PERAC's educational program being held on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Danvers. The program will focus on "Buonomo and Other Cases of Interest".

On a motion made by Mr. Lutts and seconded by Ms. Driscoll, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Next meeting of the Board scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

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Sarah M. Hayes, Chairman

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Sarah A. Stanton

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Kimberley L. Driscoll

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Robert T. Lutts