

# **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Election Board Meeting – November 21, 2024**

The Hampshire County Retirement Advisory Council held its Election Board meeting on November 21, 2024 via Zoom. Chairperson Jennifer LaFountain called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

The following Council members were present: Chairperson Jennifer LaFountain (Town of Amherst), Jill Berry (Amherst/Pelham Regional School District), Jane Wolfe, (Belchertown Water District), Deborah Kuhn (Gateway Regional School District), Joseph Shea, (Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust), Kari Scytowski (South Hadley Fire District #1), Donna Whiteley (Town of South Hadley), and Jennifer Day (Town of Southampton). Count: 8 voting members representing 8 of 35 units. Other individuals present were Advisory Council Secretary Mary Baronas, Retirement Board Chairman Patrick Brock, and Retirement Board staff Patricia Rutkowski.

The only order of business was the election of Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. Jane Wolfe, seconded by Jill Berry, nominated Joseph Shea for the position of Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed and unanimously (Jill Berry, yes; Jane Wolfe, yes; Deborah Kuhn, yes; Kari Scytowski, yes; Jennifer LaFountain, yes; Donna Whiteley, yes; Jennifer Day, yes) elected Joseph Shea as Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

Upon Jane Wolfe's motion and Jill Berry's second, the Advisory Council Election Board meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Certified as accurate record of proceedings:



Mary G. Baronas, Secretary



Jennifer LaFountain, Chairperson

# **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Business Meeting – November 21, 2024**

The Hampshire County Retirement Advisory Council held its Annual Business meeting on November 21, 2024 via Zoom. Chairperson Jennifer LaFountain called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

The following Council members were present: Chairperson Jennifer LaFountain (Town of Amherst), Jill Berry (Amherst/Pelham Regional School District), Jane Wolfe, (Belchertown Water District), Deborah Kuhn (Gateway Regional School District), Joseph Shea, (Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust), Kari Scytowski (South Hadley Fire District #1), Donna Whiteley (Town of South Hadley), and Jennifer Day (Town of Southampton). Count: 8 voting members representing 8 of 35 units. Other individuals present were Advisory Council Secretary Mary Baronas, Retirement Board Chairman Patrick Brock, and Retirement Board staff Patricia Rutkowski.

Patrick Brock presented a quick review and update on the funding level and Hampshire County Retirement System's investment fund performance.

Mary Baronas presented the FY26 Appropriation Assessment Estimates. Copies have been sent to all Units and will also be posted to the Board's website.

Upon Jane Wolfe's motion and Jill Berry's second the Advisory Council meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary G. Baronas  
Advisory Council Secretary

Certified as accurate record of proceedings:



Chairperson Jennifer LaFountain