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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES
April 15, 2026

A meeting of the Hampshire County Retirement Board convened on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** at 99 Industrial Drive, Suite 2, Northampton, MA 01060. The meeting was **called to order** at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL showed Chairman Patrick E. Brock, Elected Members Jennifer LaFountain and Sean Mangano, Appointed Member Joe Cook, Administrator Mary G. Baronas and Assistant Administrator Patricia M. Rutkowski were present. Appointed Member Jane Wolfe was absent.

Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to approve the **minutes of March 11, 2026**.

The following **DISBURSEMENTS** were reviewed and approved.

\$	3,327,647.82	Retirement Allowance Payroll, March 2026 (Paid 3/31/2026)	
		Annuity	\$664,474.91
		Pension	\$2,663,172.91
\$	25,004.55	Staff Payroll, March 2026.	
\$	3,500.00	Board Member Stipend, Month of April 2026.	
\$	9,565.32	Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, May 2026 Health Insurance Premium.	
\$	259.30	ACSA Group Insurance, April 2026 Dental Insurance Premium. (Paid 3/27/2026)	
\$	56.95	Boston Mutual, April 2026 Life Insurance Premium. (Paid 3/27/2026)	
\$	89.99	Amazon Capital Services, Air Purifier.	
\$	16,820.94	Arlington Retirement Board, 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.	
\$	45.56	Boston Retirement System, 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.	
\$	156.00	Business Card, Newspaper subscription	
\$	351.75	Climates by Pomeroy, Heat and AC Maintenance.	
\$	574.25	Climates by Pomeroy, Repair Mini Split leak.	
\$	250.26	Comcast, For the period of 3/25/2026 – 4/24/2026. (Paid 3/23/2026)	
\$	377.15	Comcast, April 2026 Business VoiceEdge.	
\$	4,400.00	Conz Street Realty, Inc., May 2026 Lease.	
\$	11,250.00	Dahab Associates, Inc., Consultant fees for the period of 1/1/2026 – 3/31/2026.	
\$	245.34	Donnegan Systems, Inc., File Folder Labels.	
\$	43,270.47	Easthampton Retirement Board, 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.	
\$	332.03	Eversource, Bill date 3/18/2026.	
\$	78.00	Hackworth Systems, Alarm monitoring 4/1/2026 – 6/30/2026. (Paid 3/17/2026)	


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\$	1,776.12	Integrus , April 2026 Complete Support and Server Backup.
\$	42.00	Integrus , April 2026 O365 Agreement.
\$	3,687.50	KMS Actuaries, LLC , January 1, 2026 Evaluation – Work in Progress.
\$	57.42	Lorna DiSantis , Travel expenses for attending the Ware and Amherst Benefit Fairs.
\$	568.00	Marcus Company, Inc , Envelopes.
\$	635.00	Mass Commercial Cleaning, Inc. , March 2026 cleaning services.
\$	933.11	National Grid , Period of 2/20/2026 – 3/23/2026.
\$	7,002.88	Norfolk County Retirement System , 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.
\$	62.34	Patrick Brock , Supplies from Costco.
\$	787.17	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services , Postage machine lease for the period of 1/30/2026 – 4/29/2026. (Paid 3/12/2026)
\$	3,385.75	Purchase Power , Postage. (Paid 3/17/2026)
\$	1,500.00	Purchase Power , Postage.
\$	37.35	Sharecare Health Data Services, LLC , Medical Records for Angela Danger.
\$	824.62	Staples , Supplies.
\$	3,247.00	Thomson Reuters – West , MGL Pocket Parts.
\$	50.00	United States Postal Service , Business Reply Postage. (Paid 3/25/2026)
\$	329.81	W.B. Mason Co. , Supplies.
\$	301.52	Xerox Corporation , Copier lease for the period of 2/21/2026 – 3/21/2026.
\$	215.40	Return of Accumulated deductions received in error for the following member: D. Rivera .
\$	172,451.39	Return of Accumulated deductions for the following inactive members: A. Bechan, L. Bete, S. Bull, B. Champlin-Lesperance, E. DeJesus, C. Deres, J. Haines, S. Hague, M. Marteney, A. Miles, N. Munoz-Torres, J. Pares, P. Rietkerk, C. Slaughter, R. St. George, K. Walker-McCraven, L. Wallace, J. Whitley, L. Williams, M. Zinn .

The following **SUPERANNUATION RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS** were reviewed. Upon Mr. Mangano’s motion and Mr. Cook’s second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to approve the applications for Superannuation Retirement as follows:

	Unit	DOR:	Creditable Service	Annual Allowance
Matthias Loven	Amherst	1/14/2026	Opt C Pop-Up	\$54,771.24



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John B. Panzetti	Belchertown	3/5/2026	13.5000	\$19,093.92
Edmund R. Smith	Amherst	3/22/2026	15.0000	\$26,411.04
Lynn M. Drawec	Belchertown	4/1/2026	21.9167	\$26,152.56

The following **PAYMENTS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS** were reviewed and approved for disbursement:

\$	647.12	Kathleen A. Monahan , Retroactive payment for the benefit of March 2025. (Paid 3/31/2026)
\$	2,747.79	Michael S. Johnson , Retroactive payment for the benefit of February 2026 – March 2026.
\$	1,412.41	John B. Panzetti , Retroactive payment for the benefit of March 2026.
\$	2,814.76	John G. Whelihan , Retroactive payment for the benefit of March 2026.
\$	1,330.07	Becky McGinnis , Retroactive payment for the benefit of April 2025 - March 2026. (Paid 4/10/2026)
\$	723.58	Edmund R. Smith , Retroactive payment for the benefit of March 2026.

The following **PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES** were reviewed and approved for disbursement:


\$	1,853.74	Robert Liimatainen , Beneficiary of Ernest Liimatainen , Payment for the benefit of January 2026. (Paid 3/16/2026)
\$	408.67	Gary Jordan , Beneficiary of Elaine Jordan , Payment for the benefit of December 2025. (Paid 3/23/2026)
\$	462.22	Kathleen A. Monahan , Beneficiary of Patrick Monahan , Payment for the benefit of March 2026. (Paid 3/31/2026)

The list of **DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS** were reviewed.

Ms. Baronas reported that an Accidental Disability application has been filed by **Angela Danger** and **Sarah Kinsman**. The applications are complete. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to accept the Accidental Disability Applications and authorize medical panels for Angela Danger and Sarah Kinsman.

Ms. Baronas reported that the medical panel reviews and certificates for **Robert Reinke** were received. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to table the review of medical panel certificates until the May 13, 2026 Board Meeting.

The list of **PENDING RETIREMENTS** was distributed for Board review.



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The following **MAKE-UPS AND REDEPOSITS FOR CURRENT MEMBERS** were reviewed. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to approve the following make-ups/redeposits for current members as noted:.

Gary T. Best , request for a redeposit of 4 years 7 months for service with the Town of Huntington during the period of 5/10/1999 – 12/31/2003.
Darlene M. Avery , request for a redeposit of 4 years 11 months for service with the Amherst/Pelham Regional School District during the period of 10/1/1999 – 6/30/2008.
Diane Tower , request for a redeposit of 6 years 3 months for service with the Amherst/Pelham Regional School District during the period of 10/15/2001 – 6/30/2008.

The following **TRANSFERS** were reviewed. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to approve the following transfers as individually noted:

<u>Transfer to Massachusetts State Retirement Board</u>		
\$	39,037.74	Daniel J. Polak , transfer with liability acceptance of 13 years 1 month for service with the Town of Ware during the period of 1/1/1998 – 2/29/2016.
\$	881.86	David F. Leuschner , transfer with no liability acceptance for service with the Town of Hatfield during the period of 3/20/2000 – 9/30/2018.
\$	7,804.73	Marnie A. Wilder , transfer with liability acceptance of 2 years 4 months for service with the Amherst/Pelham Regional School District during the period of 11/1/2022 – 11/26/2025.
<u>Transfer to Worcester Regional Retirement System</u>		
\$	10,454.08	Jhan C., Caro , transfer with liability acceptance of 1 year 9 months for service with the Town of Ware during the period of 4/1/2024 – 12/31/2025.
\$	15,471.34	Daniel F. O'Brien , transfer with liability acceptance of 2 years 9 months for service with the Town of Ware during the period of 3/13/2023 – 12/31/2025.
\$	6,406.56	Tammy M. Martin , transfer with liability acceptance of 5 months for service with the Town of Granby during the period of 6/2/2025 – 12/1/2025.
<u>Transfer to Hampden County Regional Retirement Board</u>		
\$	67,149.99	Kyle J. Scott , transfer with no liability acceptance. Return of transfer from the Hampden County Regional Retirement Board. Dual Member provisions apply due to fact that Mr. Scott has dual service within the 5 years of creditable service immediately preceding his death and spouse's survivor benefit.
\$	5,289.97	Desiree M. Rivera , transfer with liability acceptance of 11 months for service with the Town of Pelham during the period of 2/3/2025 – 1/9/2026.
<u>Transfer to Northampton Retirement Board</u>		
\$	326.17	Kevin M. Martin , transfer with no liability acceptance for service with the Town of Belchertown during the period of 9/26/2016 – 10/14/2016.
\$	4,600.84	Saoirse A. Milligan , transfer with liability acceptance of 1 year 9 months for service with the Town of Hatfield during the period of 3/28/2024 – 2/13/2026.

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The following **LEGAL ISSUES** were discussed and action was taken as individually noted:

Mr. Brock declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigation position on the pending appeal of Teri Stolpinski's disability application. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. LaFountain, yes; Mr. Mangano, yes; Mr. Cook, yes; Mr. Brock, yes; Ms. Wolfe, absent) to enter into Executive Session under Purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law: to discuss strategy with respect to litigation because, as the Chair has declared, an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position, specifically the Board's pending litigation at the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board regarding the disability application of Teri Stolpinski. The Board entered into executive session at 9:35 a.m. The Board will reconvene to Regular Session immediately following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:03 a.m. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Ms. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to withdraw the objection of the DALA decision to the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board in regards to Teri Stolpinski.

The following **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES** were discussed and action was taken as individually noted:

The Board reviewed the **Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of the Hampshire County Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2025**. Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to approve the Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of the Hampshire County Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to authorize travel and reimbursement of expenses for the Board Members and Staff Members as determined by the Chairman to attend **MACRS Kevin J. Regan Spring Conference**, in Springfield, MA on May 31, 2026 – June 3, 2026.

The following **PERAC Memo/News** were noted as having been distributed, upon their receipt, for Board review.

PERAC Memo #13/2026 – Tobacco Company List

PERAC Memo#14/2026 – Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training – 2mnd Quarter

PERAC Memo #15/2026 – Proposed Amendment to the Standard Rules for Disclosure of Information Regulations 840 CMR 6.00

Future Board meetings are scheduled for:

May 13, 2026 – Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2026 – Monthly Meeting & 1st Quarter Investment Meeting

Upcoming Events:

***2026 MACRS Kevin J. Regan Spring Conference**, May 31, 2026 – June 3, 2026, Springfield, MA

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Emerging Issues Forum, September 17, 2026 in Westborough, MA

* Noted programs have been approved by the Board for attendance and expenses.

Upon Mr. Mangano's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Wolfe absent) to **adjourn** the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Handwritten signature: Patricia M. Rutkowski]
Patricia M. Rutkowski, Assistant Administrator

Approved by the Hampshire County Retirement Board:

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Patrick E. Brock, Chairman

[Handwritten signature: Sean Mangano]
Sean Mangano, Elected Member

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Joe Cook, Appointed Member

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Jennifer LaFountain, Elected Member

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Jane Wolfe, Appointed Member