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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES
August 5, 2026

A meeting of the Hampshire County Retirement Board convened on **Wednesday, August 5, 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 Members Jane Wolfe and Joe Cook, Administrator Mary G. Baronas and Assistant Administrator Patricia M. Rutkowski were present.

Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **minutes of July 8, 2026.**

Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Executive Session minutes of July 8, 2026.**

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

\$	3,435,640.70	Retirement Allowance Payroll, July 2026 (Paid 7/31/2026)		
		Annuity	\$675,416.54	
		Opt B Refund	\$21,417.71	
		Pension	\$2,738,806.45	
\$	25,066.13	Staff Payroll, July 2026.		
\$	3,500.00	Board Member Stipend, Month of August 2026.		
\$	11,679.70	Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, August 2026 Health Insurance Premium. (Paid 7/29/2026)		
\$	342.13	ACSA Group Insurance, August 2026 Dental Insurance Premium. (Paid 7/29/2026)		
\$	56.95	Boston Mutual, August 2026 Life Insurance Premium. (Paid 7/29/2026)		
\$	562.52	Business Card, Checks. (Paid 7/21/2026)		
\$	250.54	Comcast, For the period of 7/25/2026 – 8/24/2026. (Paid 7/22/2026)		
\$	377.92	Comcast, July 2026 Business VoiceEdge (Paid 7/29/2026)		
\$	8,320.33	Concord Retirement System, 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.		
\$	4,500.00	Conz Street Realty, Inc., September 2026 Lease.		
\$	30.60	Eversource, Bill date 7/17/2026.		
\$	98.95	HR Direct, Poster Guard membership.		
\$	37,256.47	Holyoke Retirement Board, 2025 3(8)(c) Reimbursement.		
\$	1,776.12	Integris, July 2026 Complete Support and Server Backup		
\$	42.00	Integris, July 2026 O365 Agreement		
\$	1,294.50	Integris, Final installment on labor for firewall.		
\$	744.00	Marcus Company, Inc, Envelopes and Letterhead.		
\$	438.09	National Grid, Period of 6/24/2026 – 7/27/2026.		

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\$	70.94	Patrick Brock , Supplies at COSTCO.
\$	1,600.00	Purchase Power , Postage. (Paid 7/21/2026)
\$	14,335.00	Ron L. Beaulieu & Company , Profess billing for 2025 Financial Audit.
\$	158.14	Staples , Supplies.
\$	246.84	Xerox Corporation , Copier lease for the period of 6/21/2026 – 7/21/2026.
\$	28,687.82	Return of Accumulated deductions received in error for the following members/retirees: J. Arocho, A. Clark, A. Coblyn, J. Cruz, M. Farber, F. Feliciano, J. Harris, D. Khamasi, T. Lang, W. Menard, K. Nagle, C. Niedziewski, M. Picardi, J. Reardon, J. Santos, F. Scott, C. Shea, T. Sirbu, S. Soverino, S. Thurston, D. Tucci, J. Worthley, S. Worthley.
\$	114,420.75	Return of Accumulated deductions for the following inactive members: L. Brouillette, C. Grant, J. Litchfield, D. Moreira, K. Pacheco, C. Spring, C. Quinn, A. Strauss-Kennedy, R. Warren.

The following **SUPERANNUATION RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS** were reviewed. Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applications for Superannuation Retirement as follows:

	Unit	DOR:	Creditable Service	Annual Allowance
Richard W. Buley	Huntington	6/30/2026	28.6667	\$11,756.04
Mary E. Houle	Granby	6/30/2026	24.0000	\$46,617.48
Cecilia M. Shea	Amherst	6/30/2026	25.5833	\$24,675.36
Laurie Jean Phillips	Amherst	6/30/2026	29.2500	\$28,574.88
Maria M. Aquino	Amherst	6/30/2026	26.5000	\$25,434.12
Mark Andrew Woynar	Amherst	6/15/2026	28.8333	\$57,878.64
Deborah L. Burkott	Gateway Reg School Dist	6/30/2026	13.0000	\$6,665.04
Deborah Ann Pronovost	South Hadley	6/23/2026	30.0833	\$38,771.64
Deborah L. Senecal	Gateway Reg School Dist	6/30/2026	15.6667	\$10,287.00
Cheryl A. Miller-Harper	Gateway Reg School Dist	6/30/2026	40.8333	\$28,453.56
Shari L. Laurie	Gateway Reg School Dist	6/30/2026	17.2500	\$13,728.12
Bonnie S. Charpentier	Gateway Reg School Dist	6/24/2026	27.9167	\$23,507.04
Darlene M. Gildert	Ware	6/2/2026	34.4167	\$45,885.96
Rochelle L. Wildfong	Williamsburg	6/30/2026	27.5000	\$24,032.16

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Mark J. Rhodes	South Hadley	7/10/2026	20.0000	\$23,645.28
Erin M. Counter	South Hadley	6/30/2026	20.9167	\$13,872.84
Christine C. Glenn	South Hadley	6/30/2026	27.0000	\$18,699.00
Barbra A. Hebert	South Hadley	6/30/2026	28.7500	\$21,177.12
Donna M. Roberts	Belchertown	6/20/2026	24.9167	\$31,255.08
Lynn Marie Lucas	Belchertown	6/30/2026	27.1667	\$17,597.88
Bonnie J. Bird	Belchertown	6/30/2026	13.9167	\$4,415.64

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

\$	5,224.58	Victoria Pariseau , Retroactive payment for the benefit of May 2026 – June 2026.
\$	1,012.64	Richard W. Buley , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	4,012.50	Mary E. Houle , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	2,123.87	Cecilia M. Shea , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	2,459.52	Laure Jean Phillips , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	2,189.19	Maria M. Aquino , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	7,360.35	Mark Andrew Woynar , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	573.67	Deborah L. Burkott , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	4,080.75	Deborah Ann Pronovost , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	885.42	Deborah L. Senecal , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	2,449.07	Cheryl A. Miller-Harper , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,181.61	Shari L. Laurie , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	2,409.73	Bonnie S. Charpentier , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	7,469.55	Darlene M. Gildert , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.

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\$	2,068.51	Rochelle L. Wildfong , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,425.18	Mark J. Rhodes , Retroactive payment for the benefit of July 2026.
\$	1,194.07	Erin M. Counter , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,609.47	Christine C. Glenn , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,822.77	Barbra A. Hebert , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	3,546.51	Donna M. Roberts , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,514.69	Lynn Marie Lucas , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	380.06	Bonnie J. Bird , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.
\$	1,799.30	Martha P. Elliott , Retroactive payment for the benefit of June 2026 – July 2026.

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

\$	2,032.58	Joshua McConnell , Beneficiary of Nancy C. McConnell , Payment for the benefit of June 2026. (Paid 7/22/2026)
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The list of **DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS** were reviewed.

Ms. Baronas reported that the medical panel reviews and certificates for **Sarah Kinsman** were received. After review of the medical panel reports and certifications of disability, the Board took the following action. Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to grant an Accidental Disability Retirement Allowance for Sarah Kinsman.

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

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Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to accept **17 new members** for August 5, 2026, as summarized:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 4	Total
10	0	7	17
*note: dual or reinstated members not included in count of new members			

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

Ms. Baronas reported that Robert Reinke has filed an appeal with DALA on the denial of both his Accidental Disability applications.

The following **INVESTMENT & FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS** were discussed and action was taken as individually noted:

The Board reviewed the **Asset Allocation Report** for the Month of June 2026.

The Board reviewed the **Investment Custody Reports** for the Months of June 2026 – August 2026.

The Board reviewed the **Cash Flow Report & Administrative Budget Report**.

The Board reviewed the **Appropriations Paid Report**.

The Board reviewed the **Accounting Reports** for June 2026.

The Board reviewed the **Bank Reconciliations** for the Month of July 2026.

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

The Board reviewed the Annual Performance Evaluation for **Diana Monahan**. Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to accept the evaluation as written and grant a salary increase of 6%.

The Board reviewed the Annual Performance Evaluation for **Patricia Rutkowski**. Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to accept the evaluation as written and grant a salary increase of 6%.

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

PERAC Memo #20/2026 – Reinstatement to Service under G.L. c. 32 § 105

PERAC Memo #21/2026 – Updated Calculation for Post-Retirement Work Under Section 91 and Section 91A

PERAC Memo #22/2026 – Cost of Living Increase for Supplemental Dependent Allowance Paid to Accidental Disability Retirees and Accidental Death Survivors

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Future Board meetings are scheduled for:

September 9, 2026 – Monthly Meeting and 2nd Quarter Investment Review
October 14, 2026 – Monthly Meeting

Upcoming Events:

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

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

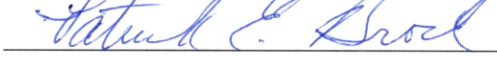
Upon Ms. Wolfe's motion and Mr. Cook's second, the Board voted unanimously to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. Rutkowski, Assistant Administrator

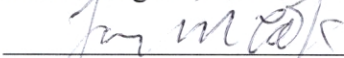
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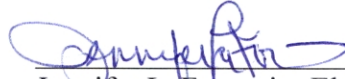
Patrick E. Brock, Chairman



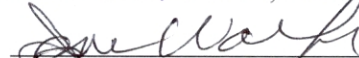
Sean Mangano, Elected Member



Joe Cook, Appointed Member



Jennifer LaFountain, Elected Member



Jane Wolfe, Appointed Member