

**Malden Retirement Board Special Meeting  
May 4, 2022**

A meeting of the Malden Retirement Board was held this day at 8:30 AM in City Hall, Floor 1 conference room #105

215 Pleasant Street Malden, MA with the following present: Retirement Director James Ryan, Board Secretary Laurie MacDonald, Board members; Warren Atkinson, Domenic Fermano (called in by phone), Donald Boyce, and Scott Lucey. Charles Ranaghan was absent.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss a COLA base increase for fiscal year 2023 which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The proposed increase approved by the Board must be approved by the Malden City Council no later than June 30, 2022.

The meeting began 8:30 AM with Mr. Ryan introducing the new actuaries from Stone Consulting- Mr. Colin Edgar, and Ms. Joan Moreau. The actuaries were giving the Board a presentation on the new 1/1/22 actuarial valuation results.

The results of the new valuation were significantly favorable from the previous valuation. The unfunded liability decreased by approximately \$40 million dollars and the funded ratio increased from 72% to 84%. The main reason for the results were that the portfolio had excellent returns for years 2020 and 2021. These returns were amortized into the valuation which brought the liability down. There is still about \$25 million in amortized returns which can be used in the 1/1/24 actuarial valuation. The Board and the actuaries believe that a \$2,000 COLA base increase to \$18,000 is achievable. Compared to the funding schedule presented in 2021, the revised schedule for the \$18,000 COLA base results in smaller required contributions by the city of Malden. The payoff is also a year earlier in FY30 instead of FY31. A discount rate of 6.75% and a 4.1% increase in fiscal payments is recommended.

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Boyce to increase the COLA base to \$18,000 for all Contributory and retirees and survivors. Mr. Scott Lucey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken by Secretary Laurie MacDonald:

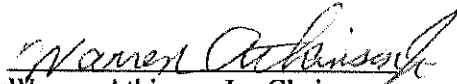
Donald Boyce: Yes  
Domenic Fermano: Yes  
Charles Ranaghan: Absent  
Warren Atkinson: Yes  
Scott Lucey: Yes

Vote was unanimous.


Mr. Ryan will email City Clerk Gregory Lucey the Board approval of the COLA base increase. Mr. Lucey will present the City Council and Finance Committee with the proposed increase for approval at an upcoming meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting at 10:10AM by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Lucey. Next regular Board meeting will be Monday May 18, 2022.

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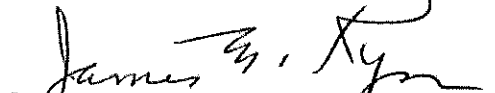
  
Warren Atkinson Jr., Chairman

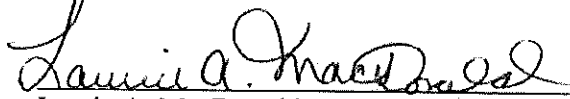
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Charles Ranaghan, Ex-Officio

  
Donald Boyce, Elected Member

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Domenic Fermano, Appointed Member

  
Scott Lucey, Board Appointed

  
James M. Ryan, Respectfully Submitted

  
Laurie A. MacDonald, Executive Secretary