

**MINUTES OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Retirement Board was held electronically on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in accordance with Section 3a of the Open Meetings Act in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public. The following members were present remotely via Cisco Webex Events:

Present:

Mark Deldin, Bryan Santo, Harold Haugh, Gary Cutler, Michael Grix, Matthew Murphy, Larry Rocca, George Brumbaugh (all board members physically attending from locations in Macomb County)

Excused:

Also Present:

Stephanie Dobson, Stephen Smigiel, Andrew McKinnon, Tom Michaud, Mike Holycross

**1. Call to Order**

There being a quorum of the Board present, the meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m. by Vice-Chair Santo.

Mr. Michaud requested all Board members confirm they are attending remotely from a location in Macomb County. All confirmed and this was noted for the record.

**2. Election of Officers**

**a. Chair**

Trustee Santo called for nominations for Chair.

*A motion was made by Trustee Rocca, supported by Trustee Cutler to nominate Mark Deldin as Chair. The motion carried.*

There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

Mark Deldin accepted and was unanimously elected Chair.

**b. Vice-Chair**

Trustee Santo called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

*A motion was made by Trustee Rocca, supported by Trustee Grix to nominate Bryan Santo for Vice-Chair. The motion carried.*

There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

Bryan Santo accepted and was unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

*A motion was made by Trustee Haugh, supported by Trustee Rocca to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.*

**4. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2020**

*A motion was made by Trustee Rocca, supported by Trustee Haugh to approve the minutes from December 17, 2020 as presented. The motion carried.*

**5. Approval of Invoices**

*A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Grix to approve the invoices as presented. The motion carried.*

**6. Public Participation**

None

**7. Retirement Administrator Report**

Ms. Dobson briefly discussed the current Activity Report and noted that the numbers remain consistent with prior years. She also advised that there are still six individuals whose pensions remain suspended for failure to return the Annual Signature Verification. One of those individuals reached out to her office yesterday and they are working with him to get the necessary document and reinstate his pension. Ms. Dobson also reported that work on the new Admin system is still progressing and they are continuing to hold weekly meetings. She and her team are also working on data clean-up in preparation for the next valuation.

*A motion was made by Trustee Grix, supported by Trustee Rocca to receive and file the Retirement Administrator Report. The motion carried.*

**8. Julie Bratten (Re-examination Opinion)**

The Board was in receipt of the Medical Director's confidential medical reports regarding the re-examination of Julie Bratten. The Medical Director has concluded, based on the re-exam, that Ms. Bratten's disability retirement should be continued.

*A motion was made by Trustee Cutler, supported by Trustee Grix that based on the Medical Director's opinion, the disability retirement of Julie Bratten should be continued and the following resolution should be adopted:*

**WHEREAS**, the Retirement Board is vested with the general administration, management and operation of the Macomb County Employees Retirement System ("Retirement System") and has fiduciary responsibilities relative to the proper administration of the pension trust fund, and

**WHEREAS**, Julie Bratten was granted a disability retirement on February 8, 2017, after a finding by the Retirement Board that the requirements of the Retirement System had been met, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 32 of the Retirement Ordinance, at least once each year during the first five (5) years following retirement of a member with a disability pension and at least once every three (3) year period thereafter, the Retirement Board requires a disability retirant to undergo a medical examination directed by the Retirement Board Medical Director, and

**WHEREAS**, that the Retirement Board directed the Human Resources and Labor Relations Department to contact the Medical Director to set up an appointment for Julie Bratten to be re-examined and to advise the Medical Director of their responsibilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Retirement Board is in receipt of a certification from the Medical Director, dated December 31, 2020, which states that Julie Bratten is totally and permanently incapable of resuming employment with the County in the same or similar job classification in which said individual was employed at the time of disability, and

**WHEREAS**, the Retirement Board has discussed this matter and has determined that Julie Bratten has met the eligibility requirements for a continual disability retirement from the Retirement System, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Retirement Board hereby approves the continual disability retirement of Julie Bratten and directs that benefits be paid consistent with the Retirement System's provisions, and further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Julie Bratten and all other appropriate parties.

*The motion carried.*

**9. Unfinished Business**

None

**10. New Business**

Chair Deldin apologized for the technical issues he was having at the beginning of the meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

*There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Grix, supported by Trustee Rocca to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. The motion carried.*