

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Election Board Meeting – November 18, 2022

The Hampshire County Retirement Advisory Council held its Election Board meeting on November 18, 2022 via Zoom. Chairman Lisa Banner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The following Council members were present: Chairman Lisa Banner (Town of Belchertown), Deborah Kuhn (Gateway Regional School District), Terie Fleury (South Hadley Fire District #1), Barbara Miller (South Hadley Fire District #2), , Donna Whiteley (Town of South Hadley and South Hadley/Easthampton Veterans District), Jane Wolfe (Belchertown Water District), Joseph Shea (Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust), Jill Berry (Amherst/Pelham Regional School District), :Bridgette Sullivan (South Hadley Housing Authority, Jennifer Lafountain (Town of Amherst), and Allan Kidston (Town of Cummington and Town of Goshen). Count: 11 voting members representing 13 of 37 units. Other individuals present were Advisory Council Secretary Mary Baronas, Retirement Board Chairman Patrick Brock, Retirement Board staff Patricia Rutkowski, and Sean Mangano.

The first order of business was the election of Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Jane Wolfe, seconded by Barbara Miller, nominated Jennifer Lafountain for the position of Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Upon Barbara Miller's motion and Jane Wolfe's second, the Council members closed nominations and 9-0-2 (Jill Berry, yes; Jane Wolfe, yes; Deborah Kuhn, yes; Joseph Shea, yes; Terie Fleury, yes; Barbara Miller, yes; Bridgette Sullivan, abstained; Jennifer Lafountain, yes; Lisa Banner, yes; Allan Kidston, abstained; Donna Whitely, yes) elected Jennifer Lafountain as Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.


The last order of business was to certify the nomination and election of an Elected Member to the Hampshire County Retirement Board. Nomination papers of Sean Mangano were reported by Mary Baronas to be valid. No other nomination papers were filed. Upon Barbara Miller's motion and Jane Wolfe's second, the Council Members voted 9-0-2 (Jill Berry, yes; Jane Wolfe, yes; Deborah Kuhn, yes; Joseph Shea, yes; Terie Fleury, yes; Barbara Miller, yes; Bridgette Sullivan, abstained; Jennifer Lafountain, yes; Lisa Banner, yes; Allan Kidston, abstained; Donna Whitely, yes) Sean Mangano was certified as a single candidate to be elected. As authorized by MGL Chapter 34B §19(h), Chairman Banner declared that Sean Mangano was the Elected Member to the Hampshire County Retirement Board for the three-year term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Upon Barbara Miller's motion and Jane Wolfe's second, the Advisory Council Election Board meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary G. Baronas
Advisory Council Secretary

Certified as accurate record of proceedings:


Chairman Lisa Banner