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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES September 12, 2022



A meeting of the Hampshire County Retirement Board convened on **Monday**, **September 12**, **2022** remotely via Zoom. The meeting was **called to order** at 9:19 a.m.

ROLL CALL showed Chairman Patrick E. Brock, Elected Member Harry Chadwick, Appointed Member Joyce Karpinski, Administrator Mary G. Baronas and Assistant Administrator Patricia M. Rutkowski were present. Appointed Member Jane Wolfe was absent due to her traveling.

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

Mr. Brock reported that effective September 19, 2022 the office will have 2 vacant positions. These vacancies cause the office to be extremely short staffed and need to be filled as soon as possible. This Board Meeting was called in order to move ahead with the process as Mary Aicardi of the Collins Center for Public Management has indicted that hiring is very difficult at this time.

Upon Ms. Karpinski's motion and Mr. Chadwick's second, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Ms. Karpinski, yes; Ms. Wolfe, absent: Mr. Chadwick, yes; Mr. Brock, yes) to hire personnel to fill the vacancies for the positions of Administrative Assistant and Retiree Services Specialist.

Upon Ms. Karpinski's motion and Mr. Chadwick's second, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Ms. Karpinski, yes; Ms. Wolfe, absent: Mr. Chadwick, yes; Mr. Brock, yes) to retain the services of the Collins Center for Public Management, UMass Boston to assist in recruitment to fill the staff vacancies and to direct the Chairman to sign a contract with the Collins Center.

Mr. Chadwick inquired if Ms. Baronas has heard from the State Board of Retirement to schedule a meeting to discuss the HCOG Earnings Calculations. Ms. Baronas has not as of yet and will reach out to the State Board of Retirement today to schedule the meeting.

Future Board meetings are scheduled for:

September 21, 2022 – Monthly Meeting & 2nd Quarter Investment Review October, 2022 – Monthly Meeting

Upcoming Events are noted as follows:

*PERAC Emerging Issues Forum, September 15, 2022, College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

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

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Upon Ms. Karpinski's motion and Mr. Chadwick's second, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Ms. Karpinski, yes; Ms. Wolfe, absent: Mr. Chadwick, yes; Mr. Brock, yes) to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:24.a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia M. Rutkowski, Assistant Administrator	
Approved by the Hampshire County Retirement Board: Patrick E. Brock, Chairman	Hanne Harten Q
Joyce	Harry Chadwick, Elected Member
Joyce Karpinski, Appointed Member	Jane Wolfe, Appointed Member