

Meeting of the
MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

Held On
February 27, 2009

I. Regular Matters of Business

At the last meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board (the "Board"), held on February 27, 2009, Chairman Jeff Wulfson presided. Also in attendance were John A.M. Dow, Jr., John W. Parsons, Nicola Favorito, Karen A. Mitchell, Executive Director Joan Schloss, Deputy Executive Director Erika Glaster, Assistant Executive Director Sean Neilon, and General Counsel James Salvie. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Wulfson.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting's open and executive sessions held on January 30, 2009 were reviewed and approved as amended, on a motion by Mr. Dow and seconded by Ms. Mitchell. The Chair abstained from the vote. The motion carried 5 - 0.

VOTED: the open and executive session minutes of the Board meeting held on January 30, 2009, are hereby approved as amended.

Ms. Hargraves arrived at 9:35 a.m.

II. Termination Retirement Application

Paul Nelson

The Board considered the application of Paul Nelson for Termination Retirement benefits. The matter had been discussed and tabled at the meeting in January. Ms. Glaster reviewed material submitted after the meeting in January, which indicated that Mr. Nelson had been hired into a regular teaching position and would have had a reasonable expectation of employment in the 2008-09 school year. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Dow and seconded by Ms. Hargraves. The motion carried 5 - 0 with Mr. Favorito voting present.

VOTED: The Termination Retirement Application of Paul Nelson was approved.

III. Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Hargraves and seconded by Mr. Parsons to bring matters relating to disability retirement and forfeiture into Executive Session.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Voted:

Ellen Hargraves	Yes
John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Karen A. Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 9:40 a.m., for the purpose of considering applications for disability retirement and forfeiture. Chairman Wulfson announced that the Board would reconvene in open session:

At approximately 1:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session and Chairman Wulfson announced that the Board took the following actions while in Executive Session:

Ordinary Disability Retirement

Mariellen Masters

The application of Mariellen Masters for Ordinary Disability Retirement was reviewed, together with medical panel reports and other information. On a motion to approve the application of Mariellen Masters, made by Ms. Hargraves and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the roll call was as follows:

Voted:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The application of Mariellen Masters for Ordinary Disability Retirement was approved.

Nasser Shams

The application of Nasser Shams for Ordinary Disability Retirement was reviewed, together with medical panel reports and other information. On a motion to approve the application of Nasser Shams, made by Mr. Dow and seconded by Mr. Parsons, the roll call was as follows:

Voted:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes

Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The application of Nasser Shams for Ordinary Disability Retirement was approved.

Accidental Disability Retirement

Diane Cirelli

The application of Diane Cirelli for Accidental Disability Retirement was reviewed, together with medical panel reports and other information. On a motion to approve the application of Diane Cirelli, made by Ms. Hargraves and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the roll call was as follows:

Voted:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The application of Diane Cirelli for Accidental Disability Retirement was approved.

Zulma Martinez

The application of Zulma Martinez for Accidental Disability Retirement was reviewed, together with medical panel reports and other information. On a motion to deny the application of Zulma Martinez, made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Hargraves, the roll call was as follows:

Voted:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The application of Zulma Martinez for Accidental Disability Retirement was denied.

The application of Zulma Martinez for Ordinary Disability Retirement was reviewed, together with medical panel reports and other information. On a motion to approve the application for Ordinary Disability Retirement made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Dow, the roll call was as follows:

VOTED:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The application of Zulma Martinez for Ordinary Disability Retirement was approved.

Stephen McDonough

The Board considered the forfeiture under G.L. c. 32, § 15 of the retirement allowance and accumulated regular interest of Stephen McDonough. On a motion to adopt the findings and conclusion of the hearing officer, made by Mr. Favorito and seconded by Mr. Parsons, the roll call was as follows:

VOTED:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The retirement allowance and accumulated regular interest of Stephen McDonough was forfeited under G.L. c. 32, § 15.

Ronald Garney

The Board considered the forfeiture under G.L. c. 32, §§ 10 and 15 of the retirement allowance and accumulated regular interest of Ronald Garney. On a motion to adopt the findings of the hearing officer and to forfeit the retirement allowance and accumulated regular interest of Ronald Garney, made by Mr. Favorito and seconded by Ms. Hargraves, the roll call was as follows:

VOTED:

John A.M. Dow, Jr.	Yes
Karen Mitchell	Yes
Nicola Favorito	Yes
John W. Parsons	Yes
Ellen Hargraves	Yes
Chairman Jeff Wulfson	Yes

The retirement allowance and accumulated regular interest of Ronald Garney was forfeited.

The Board then left executive session and reconvened in open session.

Executive Director's Report

- The Executive Director discussed the scheduling of the April board meeting and requested that the meeting be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 29th to start at 10:30 a.m. The Board agreed to amend the schedule accordingly.
- The Executive Director then directed the Board's attention to the proposed new termination forms. The new forms include additional questions to the employer and a release for all documents relating to the applicant's termination held by the employer. The staff is recommending these forms in order to obtain all of the relevant information surrounding the applicant's termination. Board members expressed their approval of the proposed forms, which will be implemented once they are approved by PERAC.
- The Executive Director next gave a status report on the Springfield office relocation. DCAM has received 10 proposals, which are waiting to be reviewed. The rate being proposed ranged from \$13.00 to \$32.00 per square foot.
- The MTRS received the audit conducted by the Operational Services Division, which the Executive Director was happy to report showed significant improvement over OSD's last report. The Board noted the progress that has been made by the MTRS and commended the staff for the excellent report.
- The Executive Director ended her report informing the Board of the recent award given to Leslie Lovett from the Communications Unit by the senior staff in recognition of her outstanding work and commitment to the MTRS core values and principles. In response, the Chairman stated that such an honor deserved acknowledgement by the Board, which he would do in a letter to Leslie.

At approximately 1:25 p.m., having no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. Parsons to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Joan Schloss, Executive Director