

**MINUTES FOR THE 1,252<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING**  
**STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

**DATE:** May 26, 2022

**TIME:** 10:05 A.M.

**PLACE:** One Winter Street – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA

There being a quorum present, the May 26, 2022 meeting of the State Retirement Board (“Board”) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Emily Kowtoniuk, Treasury Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, Treasurer Goldberg’s Designee.

Ms. Kowtoniuk announced pursuant to the Commonwealth’s Open Meeting Law Massachusetts General Law chapter 30A, §20, as modified recently by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, that the meeting of the Board was being held via the internet and was being called to order with the following Members who would be participating remotely for all or part of the meeting and who were identified at this time: Emily Kowtoniuk, Chair; Theresa McGoldrick, Elected Member; Francis Valeri, Elected Member; Archie Gormley, Chosen Member. Unless otherwise noted, all votes taken at the meeting were taken by roll call vote.

Board staff present or participating remotely for all or part of the meeting were: Nicola Favorito, Deputy Treasurer/Executive Director; Melinda Troy, Director of Legal Services; Paula Daddona, Assistant Director of Communications & Outreach; ; Kimberly Griffin, Director of Information Systems & Technology; Kathryn Kougas, Director of Finance; Angela Olszewski, Director of Business Support; Pamela Holloman, Office Manager / Executive Assistant; Chanese Pearson, Manager, Disability Unit; Zhuoxin Tan, MSRB Internal Auditor; Yande Lombe, Associate Board Counsel; Brendan McGough, Associate Board Counsel; Pamela Diggs, Paralegal; Stephanie Medina, Disability Case Counselor; Zachary Pierce, Communications Coordinator, II; Lisa Zale, Disability Case Counselor; Lisa Leary, Disability Benefits Support Analyst.

Treasury staff participating remotely for all or part of the meeting were Susan Anderson, MSRB Hearing Officer; Rachel Healey, MSRB Hearing Officer; Andrew Napolitano, Treasury Communications; Mary Wilkins, Communications Executive Assistant; Elizabeth Morrocco, Associate General Counsel – Procurement Manager; Chandra Bork, Chief of Staff; Steve Moore, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects.

Members of the public were provided access to the meeting via a call-in number. Those registered as attending were Kristyn Camilleri, DOC; Steven K. Toomey, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office; Elizabeth Farwell; Attorney Mel Greenberg; Karen Kolimaga, Mt. Wachusett Community College; Attorney Angel Melendez; Kathy Curran, WCVB Channel 5.

*Ms. Kowtoniuk announced in accordance with the Commonwealth’s Open Meeting Law that any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body, and she was obligated to inform participants of any recording at the beginning of the meeting. She then asked that anyone who is making any recording identify themselves as doing so to Treasury staff monitoring the public access platform. Ms. Curran of Channel 5 indicated to MSRB staff she was recording the meeting.*

*Ms. Kowtoniuk also announced that for those members of the public accessing the open portion of the Board meeting, that access will conclude when the Board enters Executive Session and that the Board would adjourn today's meeting from Executive Session.*

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE 1251<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING**

On a motion by Mr. Valeri and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted unanimously to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the 1,251<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, held on April 28, 2022.

#### **ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### **1. MSRB Operations**

Mr. Favorito reported that earlier this week Treasury had announced it would be formalizing the current Pilot Hybrid work arrangement after July 1 into a Telecommute Program with the same format and requirements. Currently, MSRB staff are working in-office a minimum of two days per week and work remotely the remainder of a week. Certain units and staff are in-office more frequently.

The MSRB had begun implementing protocols permitting member access to the MSRB's Boston office on a limited basis. For both offices, member hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members have access to the Board's Boston offices for up to 15 minutes if they wish to have their materials reviewed for completeness and to assist with general questions. Proof of vaccination is required. More than 220 members have visited to drop off materials and speak with MSRB staff since the beginning of March.

With regard to the filling of staff vacancies across the MSRB, Mr. Favorito reported that five new staff would be joining the MSRB on June 6, 2022, three with the Benefit Calculation Unit. Several vacancies remain and two staff had departed since the last Board meeting.

Board staff added 366 new payees this month, 282 of which were retirees. Over \$230m in benefit payments are being issued in May. For the year over 1,300 new retirees have been added and almost 1,600 new payees. Mr. Favorito credited the many MSRB teams which play a role in initiating and processing benefits for the extra effort over the past several weeks despite being short-handed.

For the present month's cycle more than 120 benefit adjustments were completed associated with retro-active pay increases previously reported for existing retirees. For the calendar year more than 500 adjustments have been completed.

Mr. Valeri acknowledged the efforts of the MSRB team and their continued productivity. He asked Mr. Favorito to put together some data for the June Board meeting reflecting the usage of the expedited / estimated payment guidelines and if any impact was being seen with new retirees being able to receive their first payments within sixty days of retirement.

Through the payroll period ending May 20, 2022, and with one additional warrant for the month yet to come, the MSRB Disbursement Unit has processed 225 refunds / rollovers / transfers totaling approximately \$4.0m in net funds issued. Through the May 20, 2022 warrant the Disbursement Unit processed more than 1,040 refunds / rollovers / transfers for the year totaling over \$22.7m in net funds issued.

The Business Support Unit executed accelerated benefit payments for May to 155 new retirees totaling \$2.415m in gross retro-benefits approved for payment on May 16th. Thus far for calendar year 2022, 604 accelerated payments have been issued totaling over \$8m in retro payments. These members received their retro-active benefit payments (from their retirement date through April 30th). These members are receiving their regular May benefit payment at the end of the month.

April data reflected over 6,000 telephone calls fielded by MSRB staff that were made to the main department extensions. More than 5,000 calls were taken by the Call Center and reflects directing more calls to the Call Center in light of staff shortages in the Benefit Calculation area. (This data does not take into consideration those calls made directly to staff extensions).

The MSRB has received more than 2,800 emails to our Member Services / Call Center Unit during April 2022.

The Communications & Outreach Team since the last Board meeting have hosted 6 webinars. For 2022 they have hosted 31 webinars with 2,249 attendees.

As of the end of April 2022, there are 49,672 retirees/survivors who subscribe to the monthly MSRB Retiree eNews Bulletin. This represents approximately 74% of our total retirees/beneficiaries.

## **2. YTD Fiscal 2022 Operating & Capital Spending Plans**

Mr. Favorito referred to the information in the meeting materials summarizing the YTD Fiscal 2022 Operating and Capital Spending Plans vs. actual expenditure reports (through April 30, 2022).

### **3. Middlesex Regional Retirement System / §3(8)(c) Reimbursement**

After recounting a brief history of the issue, Mr. Favorito introduced Angela Olszewski, the MSRB Director of Business Support who summarized the current status of the reimbursement matter between the MSRB and the Middlesex County Retirement System related to payments owed by and to the MSRB under G.L. c.32, §3(8)(c) and for COLA reimbursements.

Ms. Olszewski reported that since the last Board update staff of the two systems exchanged in December 2020 an initial Memorandum of Understanding related to the reconciliation of outstanding amounts due and owed pursuant to G.L. c.32, §3(8)(c), and for COLA reimbursements. At that time, the amount of §3(8)(c) payments owed by MCRS was \$34.3m and it was offset by \$3.9m that MSRB owed MCRS. This amount was further reduced by the COLA amount due to MCRS by MSRB of \$26.3m with the final amount owed by MCRS of \$4.1m.

The MSRB received a payment in January 2021 of \$4.1m to cover the outstanding debt through calendar year 2018. It was hoped the MOU would conclude any further reconciliation for retirement accounts identified to that date so the systems could focus on new retirement liabilities going forward. Thereafter, however, additional reconciliation work ensued with additional creditable service liability being researched and identified, mostly attributable to former county Court employees who were transferred to the Commonwealth in the late 1970's.

At this time, Board staff has determined a total credit owed to the MCRS of approximately \$7.4m through calendar year 2020, adjusted by (1) \$2.4m owed to the MSRB for §3(8)(c) for calendar year 2019 and (2) \$2.3m owed to the MSRB for calendar year 2021. The remaining credit in the amount of \$2.7m would be paid to MCRS. MSRB has received a verbal agreement of the above financials by the Executive Director of MCRS.

Ms. Olszewski reported that at their board meeting yesterday the MCRS concurred with the amount payable to them and with the conditions that no further retro-active corrections would take place between the two systems. A final Memorandum of Understanding will be executed to confirm all terms.

### **4. Member Annual Statement Vendor Contract**

Mr. Favorito reviewed the summary provided by the Treasury Director of Procurement related to the selection of a vendor to print and issue the Member Annual Statement (MAS).

An RFQ was published on COMMBUYS on March 21, 2022 and available to all eligible contractors on the Statewide Contract. In total, nineteen (19) vendors were contacted. Bids were due for submission on March 28, 2022. Follow-up emails were sent to vendors on April 14, 2022.

The MSRB received a total of four quotes. The proposed selected vendor Standard Modern (SMC) was evaluated based on its submission, pricing, and the MSRB's previous experience with this vendor. After the review, the evaluation group concluded that SMC can provide the services as needed and recommended that the MSRB contract with SMC for the 2022 Member Annual Statements.

On a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board approved the recommendation to award the 2022 Member Annual Statement printing / mailing contract to Standard Modern.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**5. Benefit Verification Update**

Mr. Favorito reported that the issuance of the 2022 BVF's was slightly behind schedule as a second round of final proofs had been provided this week by the print vendor for review by MSRB staff. He indicated the MSRB was looking for the BVF's to be mailed by the first weekend in June.

**6. FY 2023 Commonwealth Pension Funding Schedule Appropriation Notice**

Mr. Favorito highlighted that PERAC had issued its annual Commonwealth pension funding appropriation notice to A&F for the upcoming fiscal year. It reflected the amount required in the previously adopted Commonwealth funding schedule under c.32, §22C for FY 2023 of \$3,744,032,959.

**7. PRIM Performance Update**

The Board reviewed PRIM performance materials as of April 30, 2022. Mr. Favorito noted that PRIM's board meeting had occurred last week.

Ms. McGoldrick reported that PRIM was not looking toward any immediate adjustments with regard to asset allocations given the market conditions for 2022. She expressed confidence in the PRIM team, the make-up of the Fund and the ongoing efforts of PRIM to ensure that their performance continued to remain ahead of benchmarks notwithstanding the current absolute returns being seen for the year.

PRIM total assets were stated at \$97,039,145.00 down from \$101.450b at the end of March. The calendar year to date performance was reported as a decrease of -6.18% gross of fees, one year performance stood at 5.49%. MSERS assets were reported at \$35.390b down from the \$37.017b as of March 2022. Mass Turnpike assets were stated at \$170,409,972.19.

**8. Legislative Update - House / Senate FY 2023 Budget**

Mr. Favorito updated the Board on three retirement related amendments filed in the Senate as part of their FY 2023 budget discussions. One provides for a 5.9% one-time retiree COLA on the existing base for MSERS and MTRS members with a local option available; a second is language offered by PERAC that would proscribe and retro-active impact of the *Vernava* decision; the third provides for judicial pay adjustments. The first two amendments had been withdrawn and the third has been adopted.

Mr. Valeri and Ms. Kowtoniuk surmised that the withdrawal of the COLA-related amendments was likely strategic by the Senate ahead of Conference Committee negotiations expected to occur. Mr. Valeri believed the COLA amendments would find their way into the finally submitted budget.

**9. MSRB Legal Update**

Mr. Favorito highlighted the case summaries of a recent DALA & CRAB decision submitted by the Legal Unit in the Board’s meeting materials.

**10. Out of State Travel Request**

On behalf of the MSRB Legal Unit, Mr. Favorito requested the Board authorize out of state travel for up to two members (schedules permitting) to attend the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys annual conference June 21- 24, 2022 in Louisville, KY.

On a motion made by Mr. Valeri and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board approved the out of state travel request.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF REPAYMENT**

**1. Cheryl-Ann Marks**

Ms. Marks retired effective July 13, 2018 from the Department of Early Education and Care. She received a post-retirement retroactive salary increase and when her benefit was adjusted, Board staff realized that the original salary used to calculate her benefit was incorrect. From her retirement date through March 31, 2022, Ms. Marks was overpaid a total amount of \$2,613.21. She has asked that the Board waive that amount

due. Effective with the May 2022 payment, Ms. Marks's benefit has been corrected prospectively.

After review and discussion, on a motion by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Valeri the Board voted to approve the request.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS**

**GROUP 2**

**Pursuant to the Board's Classification Policy the following were reported as approved for Group 2 Classification:**

1. **Rae Belinda Alkes** Social Worker C, DCF
2. **Lisa Aromando-Smith** Rehabilitation Counselor A/B, Regional Employment Services, DDS
3. **Nora Bowen** Clinical Soc. Worker C, Tewksbury State Hospital, DMH
4. **Cheryl Burton** Mental Health Worker III, Taunton State Hospital, DMH
5. **Janeen Caldwell** ABA Tutor/Registered Behavior Technician, Case Area Special Education (CASE Collaborative)
6. **Deysi Castillo** Social Worker II, DCF
7. **Patricia Collins** Paraprofessional, South Shore Educational Collaborative
8. **Kevin Cote** Probation Officer II, MA Trial Court
9. **Charles Distefano** Transportation Officer, DYS
10. **Mathew Gheorghiou** Campus Police Officer, UMass Boston
11. **Momolu Guzeh** Mental Health Worker II, Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, DMH
12. **Judy Johnson** DSW III, Wrentham Developmental Center, DDS
13. **Deborah Lawrence** Classification Counselor II, Bristol County Sheriff's Department
14. **Daniel Mallard** Storekeeper IV, Department of Correction
15. **Lydie Monereau** Vocational Instructor C, Hogan Regional Center, DDS
16. **Ruth Ouma** RN II, Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, DMH
17. **Nina Rago** Social Worker, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
18. **Deborah Renholm** RN II, Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, DMH
19. **Scott Robertson** LPN II, Southeastern Residential Services, DDS
20. **Maria Rodriguez** Paraprofessional, Southcoast Educational

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|   | Collaborative  |
| 21. <b><u>Pam Louise Ryan</u></b>               | Teaching Assistant, LABBB Collaborative Education                |
| 22. <b><u>Lori Sittig</u></b>                   | Social Worker, DCF   |
| 23. <b><u>Bassey Arikpo Sylvester-Eteng</u></b> | RN II, Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, DMH               |
| 24. <b><u>Amy Tracchia</u></b>                  | Residential Supervisor I, Northeastern Residential Services, DDS |
| 25. <b><u>Kathleen Ventura</u></b>              | Paraprofessional II, Southcoast Educational Collaborative        |

**GROUP 2 (Board Review)**

1. **Theresa Catalano** Physical Therapist III, Tewksbury State Hospital, DPH

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

2. **Julie Chamberlin** Program Manager, Shore Educational Collaborative

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board voted to table the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

3. **Javier Colon** Institutional Security Officer II, DYS

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**



Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

4. **Irene Daley Horgan** Legal Service Paralegal, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Mr. Valeri the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

5. **Tracy Ireland** Social Worker, DCF

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to table the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

6. **Julie McKinnon** Physical Therapist II, Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, DPH

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

7. **Maria Cristo Melo** Facility Service Worker II, Taunton State Hospital, DMH

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Valeri the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

8. **Sherry Warren** RN III, DMH

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to approve the request for Group 2 Classification.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**HSC A/B (Board Review)**

1. **Elizabeth Farwell** HSC A/B, Metro Region, DDS

Executive Director Favorito welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Farwell to the meeting. Associate Board Counsel, Attorney Yande Lombe summarized the case for the Board. Attorney Lombe reported Ms. Farwell's work is administrative in nature and she does not provide direct care.

Ms. Farwell reported she was in harm's way while performing her duties. She explained her work include spending time with families to recommend services. Ms. Farwell reported she had been attacked in the past while working with families in crisis.

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board voted to deny the request.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

## **GROUP 2 Reconsideration (Board Review)**

1. **Wayne Arthur Cazeault** Youth Services Program Officer (C), DYS

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to approve the request for Group 2 Classification.

### **ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

## **GROUP 2 PRO-RATED**

**Pursuant to the Board's Classification Policy the following are reported as approved for Group 2 Pro-Rated Classification:**

1. **Thomas Brillon** **Department of Mental Health**  
MHW – 6/28/87 – 8/5/95  
RN II – 2/3/00 – 5/5/01  
RN III – 5/6/01 – 11/15/03  
RN II – 11/16/03 – 10/1/11  
RN III – 10/2/11 – 6/8/19
2. **Dorrette Bogle-Stephenson** **Department of Children and Families**  
Social Worker I – 1/3/95 – 10/23/99  
Social Worker III – 10/24/99 – 12/15/01  
Social Worker C – 12/16/01 – 10/2/04
3. **Cindy Ann Boulanger** **Department of Developmental Services**  
Institutional Domestic Aide – 1/30/83 – 4/14/84  
MRW I – 4/15/84 – 6/4/88  
MRW II – 6/5/88 – 11/13/00  
RN I – 6/10/01 – 4/5/03  
RN II – 4/6/03 – 11/15/03  
RN III – 11/16/03 – 11/3/12
4. **Thomas Hart** **Department of Mental Health**  
MH Case Manager II – 1/20/00 – 11/4/00

Clinical Social Worker I – 11/5/00 – 12/15/01  
Clinical Social Worker A/B – 12/16/01 – 12/31/11

5. **Susan LaCroix**   **Department of Developmental Services**

MRW I – 11/12/91 – 3/12/94  
MRW II – 3/13/94 – 4/24/98

6. **James McGann**   **Department of Mental Health**

MHW I – 11/1/87 – 12/1/04

7. **Michael Norton**   **Department of Developmental Services**

MRW – 8/1/82 – 9/14/85

**Department of Mental Health**

Clinical Social Worker – 9/13/87 – 10/3/87  
Social Worker – 10/4/87 – 10/18/91

8. **John Pina**   **Department of Youth Services**

Group Worker III – 6/18/95 – 10/20/01

9. **Scott Scholefield**   **Department of Children and Families**

Social Worker I – 1/14/84 – 11/22/86  
Social Worker III – 11/23/86 – 8/22/92  
Social Worker IV – 8/23/92 – 7/28/01 C

**GROUP 2 PRO-RATED SERVICE (Board Review)**

1. **Donna Guiney**   **Department of Public Health – Tewksbury**

RN II – 10/4/92 – 04/12/08

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Mr. Valeri the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

2. **Thomas Hart**   **Department of Mental Health**

Clinical Social Worker C – 1/1/12 – 1/20/13

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Mr. Valeri the Board voted to table the request for Group 2 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

3. **John Pina**

**Department of Youth Services**

Program Manager II – 10/21/01 – 9/23/06  
Program Manager III – 9/24/06– 9/22/07  
Program Manager IV – 9/23/07 – 12/13/14

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Valeri and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to table the request for Group 2 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

4. **Cordae Marie Sayer**

**Department of Public Health – Tewksbury**

Attendant Nurse – 6/10/85 – 11/17/86  
Nursing Assistant I – 11/18/86 – 3/17/90  
Nursing Assistant II – 3/18/90 – 11/7/98

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to deny the request for Group 2 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**GROUP 4**

**Pursuant to the Board's Classification Policy the following are reported as approved for Group 4 Classification:**

1. **Paul Ahern** Correction Officer II, Department of Correction
2. **Ian Bennie** Assistant District Attorney, Worcester County District Attorney's Office
3. **James Richard Boncek** Correction Officer, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office
4. **Wilfredo Bosque-Rosa** Correction Officer I, Department of Correction
5. **Richard Brathwaite** Assistant Superintendent, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
6. **Matthew Carver** Sergeant, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
7. **James Crowley** Correction Officer I, Department of Correction
8. **James D. Deshaies** Correction Officer/Residential Supervisor IX, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
9. **Edward Francis Driscoll III** Correction Officer, Middlesex Sheriff's Office
10. **Michael Estrella** Correction Officer, Bristol County Sheriff's Department
11. **Donald Goodrow** Correction Officer/Prison Steward VII, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
12. **Jeffrey Holmes** Primary Captain, Berkshire County Sheriff's Office
13. **Patrick Joyce** Sergeant, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
14. **John Kenney** Correction Officer I, Department of Correction
15. **Henry LaFortune** Correction Officer – Captain, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
16. **Mario Marroquin** Correction Officer I, Department of Correction
17. **Mario Mazzone** Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
18. **James McCormack** Captain, Department of Correction
19. **Frank Ott** Correction Officer – Primary Captain, Hampden County Sheriff's Department
20. **Gerald Powling** Correction Officer, Franklin County Sheriff's Office
21. **Catherine Sullivan** Assistant District Attorney, Essex County District Attorney's Office
22. **Robert Tarantino** Captain, Department of Correction
23. **Michael Tisdell** Correction Officer I, Department of Correction
24. **Steven Toomey** Assistant Deputy Superintendent II, Middlesex Sheriff's Office
25. **George Frederick Wells, Jr.** Correction Officer III, Department of Correction

**GROUP 4 (Board Review)**

1. **David A. Fortune** Correction Officer, Essex County Sheriff's Department

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to table the request for Group 4 Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

2. **David H. Tillinghast** Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, Bridgewater State University

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to deny the request for Group 4 Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**GROUP 4 PRO-RATE**

**Pursuant to the Board's Classification Policy the following are reported as approved for Group 4 Pro-Rate:**

1. **David Gagne** **Hampden County District Attorney's Office**  
Assistant District Attorney – 9/4/01 – 1/6/15
2. **Gregory Gagnon** **Town of Dracut**  
Call Firefighter – 09/18/96 – 06/05/98  
Firefighter – 06/05/98 – 06/01/14  
**Town of Ipswich**  
Fire Chief – 06/02/14 – 01/31/18
3. **Karen Kolimaga** **Athol Police Department**  
Police Officer – 8/14/89 – 3/3/06
4. **Deborah Lawrence** **Bristol County Sheriff's Department**  
Correction Officer – 5/13/07 – 10/22/11

## **GROUP 4 PRO-RATE (Board Review)**

1. **Pamela Anderson**

**Department of Correction**

Correction Program Officer – 11/7/82 - 4/30/88

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. McGoldrick the Board voted to approve the request for Group 4 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

2. **Karen Kolimaga**

**Athol Police Department**

Dispatcher – 8/3/88 – 8/13/89

Executive Director Favorito welcomed Ms. Karen Kolimaga to the meeting. Associate Board Counsel, Attorney Yande Lombe summarized the case for the Board.

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board voted to deny the request for Group 4 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

## **GROUP 4 PRO-RATE RECONSIDERATION (Board Review)**

1. **Felix Otero**

**Westfield Police Department**

Reserve Police Officer – 3/12/87 – 9/18/88

After discussion of the available information, the Board on a motion made by Ms. McGoldrick and seconded by Mr. Gormley the Board voted to approve the request for Group 4 Pro-Rated Service.

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
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Mr. Valeri	Yes
Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**20/50**

**Pursuant to the Board’s Classification Policy the following are reported as approved for 20/50 Classification:**

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| 1. <b><u>Matthew Dunn</u></b>      | Correctional Officer, Hampshire Sheriff’s Department               |
| 2. <b><u>Richard Eccles</u></b>    | Correction Officer, Department of Correction                       |
| 3. <b><u>Timothy McGibbon</u></b>  | Supervising Correction Officer, Middlesex Sheriff’s Office         |
| 4. <b><u>Scott Murphy</u></b>      | Correction Officer – Corporal, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department |
| 5. <b><u>Daniel Noel</u></b>       | Sergeant, Middlesex Sheriff’s Office                               |
| 6. <b><u>Edward Sciarratta</u></b> | Correction Officer, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department            |
| 7. <b><u>Beverly J. Taylor</u></b> | Correction Officer, Berkshire County Sheriff’s Office              |

**THE BOARD ENTERS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 11:26 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session to review applications for disability retirement, associated benefits, and to also consider the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health of individuals with business before the Board. Ms. Kowtoniuk indicated the Board would not reconvene in Open Session after the Executive Session and will adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session.*

Each Board member confirmed that no other person was present with them and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location.

**Mr. Valeri made a motion to enter Executive Session, Ms. McGoldrick seconded the motion.**

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDES AND ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY MR. GORMLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. MCGOLDRICK THE BOARD VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:24 P.M.**

**ON THE ROLL CALL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Mr. Gormley	Yes
Ms. McGoldrick	Yes
Mr. Valeri	Yes
Ms. Kowtoniuk	Yes

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**THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE STATE RETIREMENT BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON Thursday June 30, 2022 starting at 10:00 AM.**

Documents Used at the State Board of Retirement Meeting of May 26, 2022

- Agenda for the May 26, 2022 Board Meeting. Supporting documentation for Agenda items as referenced therein.
- Open Session and Executive Session Minutes of April 28, 2022 Board Meeting