

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW APPEALS**

Middlesex, ss.

Jonathan Winslow
Petitioner

Docket No: CR-22-0598

v.

Worcester Regional Retirement System
Respondent

and

Northbridge Retirement Board
Third Party Respondent

FINAL DECISION - DISMISSAL

Jonathan Winslow was a call firefighter in the Northbridge Fire Department, then later a permanent firefighter in Northbridge. He later became a member of the Worcester Regional Retirement System. He requested that the Worcester Regional Retirement System allow him to buy creditable service for the time he was a call firefighter in Northbridge. Worcester Regional inquired of the Northbridge Regional Retirement System whether it would allow Mr. Winslow to make such a purchase. It declined because Mr. Winslow was no longer working in the Northbridge Regional Retirement System. Worcester Regional turned down Mr. Winslow's request because it was not for time in the Worcester system. Mr. Winslow appealed the denial to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Recently, Worcester Regional had decided to allow Mr. Winslow to purchase his call firefighter service. There remained a potential issue of whether, because of his purchase, Northbridge Regional would owe contributions to Worcester Regional toward Mr. Winslow's

Retirement benefit under M.G.L. c. 32, § 3(8)(c). Northbridge Regional's position was that it does not owe contributions because Worcester Regional did not timely appeal its refusal to contribute. I set out this status to the parties on June 16, 2025 and informed them that it appeared Mr. Winslow's appeal had been resolved in his favor and that the contribution issue was not before me. I asked them to let me know if there were any issues before me that had not been resolved. I received no response.

Consequently, I dismiss Mr. Winslow's appeal as moot because he has received the benefit he sought in his appeal. 801 CMR 1.01(7)(g)3.

Date: October 17, 2025

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