

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 23, 2026

Chairman Thomas V. Thibaut, Jr. called the meeting of the Watertown Contributory Retirement Board to order at approximately 8:30 AM, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Philip Pane Hearing Room. Board Members present at the meeting were, Chairman Thibaut; Mr. John Loughran, Ms. Kathleen Kiely-Becchetti & Mr. Domenic Duke Arone. Ms. Megan Langan participated remotely, therefore all motions were taken by roll call vote. Staff Members present were Executive Director, Kayla Sheehan and Administrative Assistant, Lisa DiPietrantonio. Watertown City Manager, George Proakis was in attendance and Dan Sherman participated remotely during the Actuarial Valuation discussion. Attorney Gerry McDonough and Attorney Uyen Tran participated remotely through the Legal Update.

Confirm Next Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Tuesday August 18, 2026.

Old/Unfinished Business:

➤ Board to Review and Discuss 01/01/26 Actuarial Valuation:

Chairman Thibaut suspended the regular order of business to hear Mr. Sherman's presentation on the 01/01/26 Actuarial Valuation. City Manager George Proakis was present and participated in the discussion. The Board reviewed and discussed at length the funding schedule provided by Dan Sherman.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MS. LANGAN TO ADOPT THE FUNDING SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN DAN SHERMAN'S REPORT. A ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

Review PERAC Correspondence:

MEMOS:

#19/2026	06/24/26	Mandatory Retirement Board Member Training - 3 rd Quarter, 2026
#20/2026	07/09/26	Reinstatement to Service under G.L. c. 32 § 105
#21/2026	07/13/26	Updated Calculation Figures for Post Retirement Work Under Section 91 and Section 91A
#22/2026	07/17/26	COLA Increase for Supplemental Dependent Allowance Paid to Accidental Disability Retirees and Accidental Death Survivors

CONSENT AGENDA (I-VII):

- I. **Examination of Minutes:** From meeting held on June 16, 2026

- II. Note Deaths of Members/Beneficiaries
- III. Applications for Membership
- IV. Refund of Accumulated Deductions
- V. Transfers of Deductions to Other Systems:
- VI. Creditable Service Purchase
- VII. Review Warrants

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ARONE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS “I-VII” AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

During the Legal Update, Attorney McDonough brought up a question on the amount of creditable service <> should receive for her re-deposit of her refund. The question was whether she should receive 3 years & 9 months, or the full 4 years seeing as she was a 10-month school employee and completed 4 full school years. Attorney McDonough will discuss this issue further with Attorney Gibson and report back to the board next month.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ARONE TO RECONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MS. LANGAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS “I-VII” EXCLUDING CREDITABLE SERVICE PURCHASE. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ARONE TO TABLE CREDITABLE SERVICE PURCHASE TO NEXT MONTH. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

Director's Report:

Executive Director Sheehan reported that the May Cash Books have all been submitted to PERAC through PROSPER. The following reports were prepared by Executive Director Sheehan and distributed to the Board members.

- Trial Balance
- Cash Receipts Journal
- Cash Disbursements Journal
- Adjustments Journal
- General Ledger
- Reconciled Bank Statements for accounts #1040, #1041, #1042 & #1043

The Operating Budget for the second quarter of 2026 was prepared and presented to the Board for review.

Election Officer Sheehan reported to the Board that the election notices were mailed out on June 25th to active, inactive and retired members, as well as distributed to all departments for posting. Nomination papers are due no later than 5:00PM on August 17, 2026. As of the meeting date, one candidate has returned their nomination papers which was the incumbent, Chairman Thibaut.

Executive Director Sheehan reported to the Board that while completing the retirement calculations for two new retirees, it was discovered that deductions were withheld erroneously from payments that are not considered regular compensation. Those two members will be issued refunds of the erroneous deductions, and those payments were not included in their retirement calculations.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Legal Update:

Attorney McDonough and Attorney Tran reported and commented on pending Board issues as well as general retirement issues of interest.

At the conclusion of the legal update, both Attorney McDonough and Attorney Tran left the meeting.

Investment Review:

Mr. Rowlins and Mr. Carey provided an update on the performance of the pension portfolio for the month of May. The Board seemed satisfied with the report. The market value of assets totals \$304,711,718 as of May 31, 2026.

Mr. Carey discussed with the Board a status change for Aristotle International Equity. In combination with lackluster performance, as well as team changes with the retirement of their co-portfolio manager, Fiducient Advisors decided that it was best to move that strategy to “watch” status. It was also recommended that the Board issue an RFP for this strategy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ARONE TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EQUITY STRATEGY AS RECOMMENDED BY FIDUCIENT ADVISORS. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LOUGHRAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ARONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35AM. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr. Arone	-	YES
Mr. Loughran	-	YES
Ms. Kiely-Becchetti	-	YES
Ms. Langan	-	YES
Chairman Thibaut	-	YES