

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
*Worcester Regional Retirement System*

Kevin P. Blanchette • Chairman

Board Members: Rebecca L. Tuttle • Pauline M. Lajoie • Michael J. Donoghue • Eugene J. Durgin, Jr.  
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**Advisory Council and Election Board Meeting**

**December 6, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

Member Unit Attendees: Rebecca Tuttle (Rutland)(in-person), Election Officer. Remote: Lynn Nystrom (Ashburnham), Patrick McIntyre (Athol), Christi Martin (Athol Housing), Mary Ann Murphy (Auburn), Jake Voelker (Barre), Tammy Bibeau (Barre Housing), Paul Redmond (Berlin), Joseph Meichelbeck (Berlin-Boylston regional School District), Mathew Ryan (Blackstone), Kristen Noel (Bolton), Virginia Porter (Charlton), Jennifer Wood (Cherry Valley Water), Jennifer Wood (Cherry Valley Sewer), Cheryl Vaidya (Douglas), Richard Carmignani (Dudley), Jessica Messer (Grafton), Jessica Crawford (Hardwick), Lindsey Ames (Harvard), Laurie Gaudette (Holden), Donna Lamphere (Hopedale), Mary Markowski (Hubbardston), Nicholas George (Leicester), Jody Kurczy (Mendon), Denise Marlborough (Millbury), Jane Snellman (Millville), Kristen Noel (Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch), Janet Pierce (New Braintree), Lisa Troast (Northborough), Allyson Bulger (North Brookfield), Cheyenne Cusson (Oxford), Debra Wilson (Oxford-Rochdale Sewer), Donna Couture (Paxton), Dana Robinson (Petersham), Melanie Jackson (Phillipston), Jim Dunbar (Princeton), Ryan Mailloux (Quabbin Regional School District), Rebecca Forand (Spencer), William Schlosstein (Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District), Victoria Smith (Sterling), Barbara Barry (Sturbridge), Lisa Lynch (Sutton), Kristen Leo (Tantasqua Regional School District), Cheryl Richardson (Templeton), Jessica Gomez (Upton), Jessica Messer (Uxbridge), John Lumbra (Wachusett Regional School District), Dawn Swistak (Warren), Lisa Clark (Westborough), Melissa Horrigan (Westminster), Zoe Dupont (Winchendon), and Kevin Blanchette (WRRS)

Public Attendees: Katherine Hesse (remote), Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane for WRRS; Linda Champion (in-person), Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane for WRRS

Meeting called to order. Roll call began at 9:13 a.m., pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10, Rebecca Tuttle (Rutland) in her capacity as the Election Officer completed roll call of attendees. A quorum was established.

**I. 2023 Election Complaint**

A. Rebecca Tuttle informed the member units in or about November 9, 2023, PERAC informed WRRS it had reason to believe the software system used for WRRS' mailing excluded from the mailing any member coded under G.L. c. 32 § 90B.

B. Rebecca Tuttle stated that on or about August 28, 2023, the 2023 Notice of Election was sent to the Advisory Council with instructions to publicly post, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 34B, s. 19(h). Additionally, the Notice of Election was mailed to all members active and retirees. WRRS has three (3) members classified under § 90B and confirmed those individuals did not timely receive the 2023 ballot. Ballots were immediately mailed to all 3 members but after November 1, 2023. As of the date of the meeting 2 of the 3 members submitted ballots and one remained outstanding. PERAC stated if "notice was adequate under M.G.L. c. 34B, s. 19(h)", the election can proceed.

II. **Vote**

- A. MOTION: made by Ms. Martin [Athol] and seconded by Mr. Ryan (Blackstone) that the Advisory Council has determined that notification of the 2023 Board election was adequate, and the election should continue.
- i. Rebecca Tuttle completed roll call vote of all member unit attendees.
  - ii. Motion passed by majority vote, notice was adequate under M.G.L. c. 34B, s. 19(h) and the election should continue.
  - iii. Ballot due by date moved from November 21, 2023, to January 3, 2024.
  - iv. Ballot count date moved from December 1, 2023, to January 12, 2024.
- B. MOTION: to adjourn made by Mr. Ryan, and seconded by Mr. Blanchette, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Tuttle