

Worcester Regional Retirement Board Meeting
April 11, 2023
Executive Session Minutes

The Board convened in executive session at 10:04 a.m. Present at the meeting were Acting Chairman Michael Donoghue (via Zoom), Board Members Gene Durgin (via Zoom), Pauline Lajoie, and Rebecca Tuttle. Board Administrator Colleen Canty, Assistant Board Administrator Anne McNamara and Carol Rocco were also present.

The Board briefly discussed the credentials of the candidate for Executive Director, Rachel Grimaldi. They also spoke about questions to ask and their criteria for the candidate who will fill this position.

Ms. Grimaldi entered the meeting and was introduced to everyone in the room and on Zoom. She was asked to talk about her background and experience. Acting Chairman explained the size and complexity of the system and expectations/requirements for this position. The Board went on to ask several questions, all of which were answered by Ms. Grimaldi. After the Board completed their questions and were satisfied with Ms. Grimaldi's responses, Acting Chairman Donoghue thanked Ms. Grimaldi for coming in and for her interest in the position. Ms. Grimaldi exited the room.

The Board discussed Ms. Grimaldi after her exit. They were impressed by her and comfortable with her. They agreed that the next step would be to have Ms. Grimaldi meet with Chairman Blanchette soon. They also discussed asking Ms. Grimaldi for references.

At 10:49 a.m. Acting Chairman Donoghue called for a brief recess since the Board's next meeting was not until 11:00 a.m. Ms. McNamara exited the meeting permanently.

At 11:01 a.m. Katherine Hess of Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane entered the meeting via Zoom. Acting Chairman Donoghue introduced the member of the Board and Attorney Hesse gave an overview of the firm. Members of the Board asked several questions, all of which were answered by Attorney Hesse. Acting Chairman Donoghue thanked Attorney Hesse for meeting with the Board and for the firm's interest in providing legal services to WRRS. Attorney exited the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

The Board discussed the interview with Attorney Hesse and the qualifications of the firm. They were all impressed and satisfied with the proposal.

MOTION: *made by Mr. Durgin and seconded by Ms. Lajoie to appoint Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane to represent the Board in all appropriate circumstances. All in favor. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Ms. Lajoie, yes, Ms. Tuttle, yes; Mr. Durgin, yes; and Acting Chairman Donoghue, yes.*

At 11:29 a.m. there was a motion to exit the executive session.

MOTION: *made by Ms. Lajoie and seconded by Ms. Tuttle to exit the executive session and return to open session for the purpose of adjournment. All in favor. The motion carried by a roll call vote with Ms. Lajoie, yes; Mr. Durgin, yes; Ms. Tuttle, yes and Acting Chairman Donoghue, yes.*

