

RETIREMENT BOARD

Members: 5 (includes Finance Director/Comptroller as ex officio, 1 Board of Selectmen appointee, 2 elected from members, 5th member chosen by other 4 members)
Appointed by: Board of Selectmen (1 member)
Length of Term: 3 years, staggered
Appointments made: Selectmen Appointment made September 30
Meeting Times: Usually monthly, 4th Tuesday

Description: All contributory retirement boards for public employees in Massachusetts consist of five members. The Financial Director/Comptroller is the board member ex-officio. The second member is appointed by the Board of Selectmen; the third and fourth members are elected by the members of the Retirement System and are active or retired members of the system and the fifth member is chosen by the other four. The second and fifth members cannot be an employee, retiree or official of the governmental unit. One of these five board members is elected by the other four to serve as Chairman.

There is no term limit for the ex-officio member. The other four members are appointed or elected for a three-year term. Each has different term expirations.

Criteria for Membership:

Ref.: Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1996
Chapter 427 of the Acts of 1996
Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on April 24, 1963.
Selectmen reaffirmed designation as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.