



Lawrence Retirement Board

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RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER (R A O)

Pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Acts of 2016, An Act to Improve Public Records, every Retirement Board must appoint an RAO to coordinate responses to public records requests.

The RAO for the Lawrence Retirement Board is:

Gina Rizzo, Administrative Assistant
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You may make a public records request with the Board's Record Access Officer in person, or by written request, telephone, email or fax.

Commonly requested public records will be made available on our website prospectively from 7/1/2017. If prior records are needed, they will be furnished upon request. These records will include: Valuation Reports, Annual Statements of Financial Condition of the System, Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda.

A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law can be viewed at :

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/guide.pdf>

GUIDELINES FOR REQUESTING PUBLIC RECORDS

Any individual or entity that wishes to access the **Lawrence** Retirement Board's public records may be made orally or in writing, however the individual or entity requesting access to public records is hereby advised that the Supervisor of Public Records **will not** entertain any appeal of a denial to produce records **unless the request for public records is in written form**. A written request for public records may be delivered to the Board's Records Access Officer ("RAO"), **Gina Rizzo**, by hand, first class mail, electronic mail or by facsimile. The Board's RAO may be contacted as follows: **Lawrence Retirement Board, 354 Merrimack Street, Entry C, Suite 302, Lawrence, MA 01843, grizzo@cityoflawrence.com phone 978-620-3571, fax 978-722-9490**. Please be as specific as possible with respect to the type of records you seek, by identifying the document by name or documents that contain the specific information you seek.

The following information may be accessed on the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission's ("PERAC") website at www.mass.gov/perac/ :

- Annual Reports
- Appropriation Data
- Audit Report
- Funding Schedules
- Local Options
- Supplemental Regulations
- Most Recent Valuation
- PERAC regulations regarding elections, request for access of personal information, regular compensation and standard rules for disability retirement

In addition to the foregoing, the Board has posted the following documents to its website **www.lawrenceretirement.com** that are immediately available for inspection:

- Open session Board minutes
- Investment reports and returns
- Board agenda
- Annual Statement

Upon receipt of your public records request, the RAO will respond to your inquiry within ten (10) business days from the date it is made (orally) or the next business day following the date it is received (if made in writing). The RAO's response may be an itemized good faith estimate as to the cost of producing the documents requested, which may include a charge of \$.05 per page and an hourly fee not to exceed \$25 per hour for the time spent searching for, compiling, segregating, redacting and reproducing a requested record. If a fee is charged, payment must be made prior to the production of documents. Once the Board receives the fee, the documents will be produced. If a fee is assessed, and you demonstrate the lack of financial ability to pay the fee, the RAO has the discretion to waive the fee.

If you are denied access in whole or in part to a record sought, you will be provided with written notice of the denial and your right to appeal the RAO's decision to the Supervisor of Public Records. Any such appeal must be filed within 90 days of receiving the RAO's denial.