

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**April 8, 2005**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 8, 2005 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Ponzi Angelone, Michael Boyce, and Kerry Walsh.

Also in attendance were: Frank Karpinski and Octavio Cunha, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, acting Chairperson Michael Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the March 4, 2004 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
March 4, 2004.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

**3. ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Steven Bifulco                      A 51-year-old Fire-Fighter with the Town on North Providence Fire Department for 13 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

VOTED:                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Linda Benoit                      A 37-year-old Data Entry Operator, with the Judicial Tribunal for 7 years and 9 month.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

VOTED:                      To table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and requests additional medical report from Dr. Gilchrist and Dr. Levin. The committee also requests that she be examined by one more physician engaged by the Retirement System.

Barbara Cole                      A 57-year-old Food Service Supervisor, with the MHRH for 25 years and 3 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Joan Riciuti

A 38-year-old Elementary Guidance Counselor,  
with the Johnston School Department for 14 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Ellen Smith

A 54-year-old Social Studies Teacher, with the  
Burrillville School Department for 15 years and 9  
months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Carl Wahl

A 49-year-old Special Education Teacher, with the  
Burrillville School Department for 25 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

4. **ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Dawn Cervone                      A 35-year-old Library Aide, with Exeter/Greenwich  
for 7 years and 11 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh , it was unanimously

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve  
the application for an accidental disability

Raymond Enright                      A 53-year-old Laborer with the Town of Johnston  
for 5 years and 1 month.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve  
the application for an accidental disability

Margery Fogarty                      A 64-year-old Registered Nurse with Zambarono  
Hospital MHRH for 3 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve  
the application for an accidental disability

Frank Giuliani

A 41-year-old Firefighter with the City of Cranston for 12 years and 6 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh , it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an accidental disability

Donna Peterson

A 48-year-old Bus Driver with the City of Cranston. for 7 years and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To table the application for an accidental disability and request additional information.

Edward Reed

A 55-year-old Correctional Officer with the department of Corrections for 18 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Angelone and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an accidental disability

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

**ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Frederick Sullivan                      A 60-year-old Storekeeper with the Department of  
Corrections for 5 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and additional medical information upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board approve  
the application for an accidental disability

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**                      To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Octavio F. Cunha**  
Approved 5/6/05