

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

**July 8, 2005**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on July 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, William Finelli, and Kerry Walsh.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Ley, Medical Consultant, William O'Gara General Counsel, Frank Karpinski and Octavio Cunha, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the June 3, 2005 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
June 3, 2005.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Deborah Cahoon                      A 63-year-old School Teacher with the Newport School Department for 8 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

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

Mary Concannon                      A 49-year-old School Teacher, with the Warwick School Department for 6 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Elaine Griffiths                      A 52-year-old Eligibility Technician, with the Department of Human Services for 18 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 ordinary disability retirement.

Christine O'Dowd

A 37-year-old School Teacher, with the Smithfield School Department, for 10 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. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

Cheryle Rhodes

A 53-year-old Child Protective Investigator, with DCYF for 16 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

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

Billie Jean Severi

A 46-year-old School Teacher, with Chariho Regional School district for 19 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.

**4. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Beverly Charette                      A 60-year-old Data Entry Clerk, with the  
Department of Environmental management for 19.

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 deny the application for an accidental disability for the medical did not support accidental disability.

Pricilla Iasimone                      A 47-year-old Community Living Aide, with  
MHRH for 1 year 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Peter Manfredo                      A 48-year-old Painter with Rhode Island College  
for 24 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Jean Tierney

A 62-year-old Social Caseworker with DCYF for 15 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Angelone, it was unanimously

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

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

**ORDINARY DISABILITY HEARING**

Linda Benoit

A 37-year-old Data Entry Operator with the Judicial Traffic Tribunal for 7 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board approve the application for an ordinary 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 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Octavio F. Cunha**  
**Approved 9/9/05**