

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

**September 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 9, 2005 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Michael Boyce, William Finelli, Kerry Walsh and Jerome Williams.

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 9:00 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the July 8, 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. Williams, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
July 8, 2005.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Juan Acevedo                      A 56-year-old Process Monitor with the Narragansett Bay Commission for 17 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Maryann Cross                      A 50-year-old School Bus Driver, with the Cranston School Department for 15 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

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

Fran Gallucci                      A 63-year-old Clerk Typist, with the State fire Marshall, North Kingstown for 5 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Richard Lebel

A 59-year-old School Teacher, with the Coventry School Department, 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. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Maureen O'Grady

A 56-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with MHRH for 11 years and 10 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Judith Ouimette

A 57-year-old Social Caseworker, with DCYF for 25 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

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

Michael Petrowicz

A 53-year-old Correctional Officer/Nurse,  
Zaborano Hospital Department of Corrections,  
11 years and 2 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and request additional medical reports from his treating physician and send him to one psychiatrist.

Sherry Roberts

A 37-year-old Word processing typist, with DCYF  
for 11 years and 2 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and request additional medical reports from her doctor, Dr. Rafal, and send her to a rheumatologist.

Linda Schuster

A 58-year-old School Teacher, with Providence  
School Department for 6 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

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

Marilyn Usher a 60-year-old School Teacher, with Bristol/Warren Regional School District for 6 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. Williams 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**

Nikki Deary A 53-year-old Chief of Profession Regulation, with the Department of Health for 9 years and 10 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Theresa Dewitt

A 48-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with Eleanor Slater, MHRH for 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Nellie Francis

A 48-year-old School Teacher with Providence School Department for 4 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. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To table the application for an accidental disability and request additional medical information from a previous accident for which she was treated by Dr. Glesh/Dr. Harrington, and have her see Dr. Stratton for an IME.

James Grande

A 56-year-old Juvenile Program Worker with RI Training School, DCYF for 13 years and 5 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. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Ruth Johnson

A 63-year-old Community Living Aide, with MHRH for 10 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Robert Marshall

A 43-year-old Custodian, with Bristol/Warren Regional School District for 9 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. Boyce, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Michael Schwab

A 56-year-old Custodian, with Chariho Regional School District for 9 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Bryan Tolliver

A 35-year-old Police Officer, with Woonsocket Police Department for 11 years and 8 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 accidental disability retirement.

Fred Worley

A 58-year-old Correctional Officer, with the Department of Corrections for 13 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To table the application for an accidental disability retirement and request all medical records from Dr. Lucas and any additional records from his employer.

## 5. RECONSIDERATION

### ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Martin Bradley

A 42-year-old Groundkeeper with the DEM for 17 years and 1 month.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and signed affidavit 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 10/4/05**