

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

**January 6, 2006**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 6, 2006 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: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Frank Karpinski, 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 December 9, 2005 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. Williams, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
December 9, 2005.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Becky Jordon

A 37-year-old Housekeeper with the University of Rhode Island for 7 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.

Gary Theroux

A 58-year-old Refrigeration Mechanic, with the University of Rhode Island for 21 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.

**4. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Scott Guthrie

A 48-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with MHRH for 14 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

James Harvey

A 48-year-old Community Living Aide, with the MHRH for 23 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 accidental disability retirement.

Dollie Catala-Morgan

A 48-year-old Institution Attendant, with MHRH,  
for 14 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 table the application for an accidental disability retirement and requested additional medical reports from 10/29/99 and the ER.

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Octavio F. Cunha**  
Approved 2/3/06

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**December 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on December 4, 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: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Octavio Cunha, and Frank Karpinski, 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 November 4, 2005 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
November 4, 2005.

The following applications were presented for consideration:



Richard Yakey

A 59-year-old Motor Equipment Operator with the Department of Transportation for 17 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. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

**8. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Patricia Bazinet

A 53-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with MHRH for 14 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. Boyce, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table the application for an accidental disability retirement and have her examined by one more orthopedic, physician.

Arthur Martitz

A 57-year-old Correctional Officer, with the Department of Corrections for 21 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Donna Morrone

A 48-year-old Senior Analyst, with the Department of Human Services for 21 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 deny the application for an Accidental disability retirement, based on medical reports which did not support an accidental disability retirement.

Donald Rodrigues

A 48-year-old Juvenile Program Worker, with the RI Training School DCYF for 25 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

Anthony Tartaglia A 48-year-old Electrical Inspector, with the Department Transportation for 15 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table the application for an accidental disability retirement. The Sub-Committee requests all medical reports and time sheets from June 10, 2002 until November 23, 2003.

**9. RECONSIDERATION**

Ordinary Disability

Michael Petrowicz A 53-year-old Correctional Officer/Nurse, with the Department of Corrections 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 additional medical reports 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.

## Hearing

Donna Peterson

A 48-year-old School 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 additional testimony from her lawyer, Daniel Summer, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To table the appeal for an accidental disability retirement and requested for her to be re-examined by three psychiatrists.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

Beatriz Maldonado

A 54-year-old School Teacher, with the Providence School Department for 12 years and 6 months. Re-applied for accidental disability on the basis of the same injury that she was denied on October 8, 2003; the independent medical reports did not support an accidental disability.

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

**VOTED:**

Not to continue with the new application for an accidental disability retirement at this time as there was no new injury or reoccurrence on file.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Octavio F. Cunha**  
Approved 1/6/06

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**November 4, 2005**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on November 4, 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: William O'Gara General Counsel, 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 October 4, 2005 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
October 4, 2005.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

5. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Florence Anderson                      A 58-year-old Special Eligibility Technician with the Department of Human Services for 24 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. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

Olivia Beale                                A 58-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with the Eleanor Slater MHRH for 23 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.

Clara McCallum                            A 51-year-old Teacher's Assistant with the Central Falls School Department for 12 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 ordinary disability retirement

Robert Stone

A 59-year-old Custodian with the North Scituate School Department for 13 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

Theresa Wahl

A 56-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant, with the Eleanor Slater MHRH for 23 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

**12. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Mark Castaldi

A 38-year-old Correctional Officer, with the Department of Corrections for 13 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. Williams and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

Robert Nascimento

A 58-year-old Custodian, with the City of East Providence 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. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

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

13. **RECONSIDERATION**

Accidental Disability

Judith Daniels

A 58-year-old Special Education Teacher, with the Scituate School Department 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. Walsh, 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To table the application for an accidental disability and requested that he be examined with another physician.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Octavio F. Cunha**  
Approved 12/9/2005