

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

February 3, 2006

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on February 3, 2006 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Daniel Beardsley, 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 9:02 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the January 6, 2006 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. Boyce, it was

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of
January 6, 2006.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. ORDINARY DISABILITY

Palmer Herrington A 44-year-old Store Clerk with the MHRH for 19 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 ordinary disability retirement.

Richard Saillant A 54-year-old Laborer, with the City of Woonsocket for 20 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously

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

4. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Ione Gannites A 58-year-old Registered Nurse, with MHRH Zambarano Hospital 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

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

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

Ordinary Disability

Dale Gerritsen A 44-year-old Housekeeper, with the University of RI for 14 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 information and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Beardsley , it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and send a medical release form for her signature and have ERSRI obtain her medical records from Dr. Deluca.

Sherry Roberts A 37-year-old Word Processing Typist, with the DCYF for 13 years.

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

VOTED: To table the application for an accidental disability retirement and request medical report from her psychiatrist and send for another IME.

6. **RECONSIDERATION**

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 additional medical report 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.

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 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 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 from Dr. Stutz and Dr. Renzi going back to June 10, 2002.

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. Beardsley, it was

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board deny the application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted nay.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on the open record policy. Upon a motion by Mr. Boyce and second Mr. Finelli to allow member to check off on the application to have their medical record reviewed on open session or closed session. Mr. Beardsley, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Williams were apposed to the motion.

8. **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
Approve 3/3/06