

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

April 7, 2006

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 7, 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 9:00 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the March 3, 2006 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
March 3, 2006.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. **ORDINARY DISABILITY**

James Dwyer

A 51-year-old Senior Maintenance Worker for the Town of Warren for 20 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.

Roseanne Lyskawa

A 53-year-old Word Processing Typist with the University of RI for 25 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

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

John Souza

A 49-year-old Custodian with the City of East Providence, 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

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

Julianne Whitecomb

A 51-year-old School Teacher with South Kingstown School Department, 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 ordinary disability retirement.

4. **ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Deborah Ambeault A 48-year-old Custodian with the City of Central Falls, for 5 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 table the application for an accidental disability retirement and request additional medical reports from Dr. Toder and Dr. Roland.

Lisa Brissette A 43-year-old Elementary School Principal, with the City of Woonsocket, for 11 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 retirement with the condition that Ms. Brissette be re-examined by a medical doctor after one year of retirement.

Carl Bowley

A 48-year-old Senior Automotive Mechanic with the City of Newport, for 18 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

VOTED:

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

Maribeth Crook

A 44-year-old School Teacher with Providence 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To table the application for an accidental disability and request an injury report, police report and all of the reoccurrence reports.

Elinor DeOrsey

A 41 year-old Music Director with Lincoln School Department, for 15 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. Beardsley, it was

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board deny the application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Christine Wagner

A 42-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant with MHRM, Zambarano Unit, for 10 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 accidental disability retirement.

5. **RECONSIDERATION**

Ordinary Disability

Dale Gerritsen

A 44-year-old Housekeeper with the University of RI, for 14 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 recommend that the Retirement Board deny the application for an ordinary disability retirement, as the medical reports do not support a disability retirement.

Accidental Disability

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 additional information 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 for the next scheduled meeting.

Anthony Tartaglia

A 64-year-old Electrical Inspector with the Department of Corrections, 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 additional information 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 retirement and have Mr. Trataglia appear in person at the next scheduled meeting.

Hearing:

Dora Noury-Keating

State Deputy Sheriff with the Providence County Sheriffs Department, age 56, 17 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, additional testimony from her lawyer and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Williams, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board affirm the original decision to deny the application for an accidental disability retirement.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Octavio F. Cunha
Approved 5/5/06