

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

**January 5, 2007**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 5, 2007 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, Daniel Beardsley, Mark Dingley and Susan Rodriguez.

Also in attendance were: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Diane Bourne, Arne Perry, and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System; and Jerome Williams.

**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 December 8, 2006 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. Beardsley, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
December 8, 2006.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

**3. ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Janet Badway

A 58-year-old Teacher with the City of Cranston public schools 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

Carol Clark

A 54-year-old Teacher with the City of Pawtucket 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously

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

Diane Emerson

A 50-year-old Clerk with the Town of North Providence for 5 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the application for an ordinary disability retirement and request additional records from Dr. Robert Marzilli and also to refer Ms. Emerson for another independent medical examination by a psychiatrist.

Joseph Fratiello

A 57-year-old JROTC instructor with the City of Cranston for 16 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

Laurie-Ann Landry

A 44-year-old Bus Driver with the City of Central Falls School Department for 8 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously

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

Jennifer O'Brien

A 52-year-old caseworker with the State Department of Human Services for 23 years 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

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

James O'Donoghue

A 56-year-old Clerk with the State Department of Motor Vehicles 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.

Thomas Turchetta

A 57-year-old Laborer with the Town of North Providence for 28 years 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously

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

#### **4. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

Nancy Bennett

A 58-year-old School Social Worker with the City of Central Falls 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To table the application for an accidental disability retirement and request records from the Donley Center and also have Ms. Bennett appear before the Sub-Committee to answer questions regarding her application for accidental disability.

John Waterman A 50-year-old Cleaner with the State Department of Mental Health, Retardation & Hospitals for 4 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously

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

Alan Young A 56-year-old Electrician with the University of Rhode Island 1 year 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. 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**

Accidental Disability/Appeal

Dennis Kraus

A 58-year-old Special Education Teacher with the Providence School Department for 1 year and 3 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 a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously

**VOTED:**

To table the appeal of application for an accidental disability retirement and provide copies of the October 31, 2006 transcript to all of the Committee members along with a copy of RIGL 36-10-8.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED:**

To adjourn the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane S. Bourne**

Approved 2/2/2007