

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

September 7, 2007

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 7, 2007 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli, Michael Boyce, Susan Rodriguez, Daniel Beardsley and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; William O'Gara, General Counsel; Salvatore Lombardi, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, 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 August 3, 2007 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting, and

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2007.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. ORDINARY DISABILITY

Marie Aharonian A 56 year old state worker with the State Of Rhode Island for 27 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

Pamela Domenicone A 54 year old librarian with the North Kingstown School Department for 18 years and 2 months.

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

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

Jeffery Ferrante A 52 year old municipal worker with the North Providence Public Works for 14 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

Accidental Disability

Sherri Actis A 47 year old nurse with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 12 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. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

Michael Beyer A 42 year old Municipal worker with the Town of Lincoln 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

Stephen Bishop A 54 year old municipal worker with the North Providence Fire Department for 26 years and 5 months.

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

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

Thomas Johnson A 59 year old state worker with the DEM for 13 years and 8 months.

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

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

Deborah Perito A 55 year old state worker with the State of Rhode Island for 17 years and 2 months.

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

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **table** the application for an accidental disability pension pending receipt of additional information from Fatima Hospital and further medical records.

Robert Simeone A 42 year old municipal worker with the Town of South Kingstown for 19 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

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Alan Grace A 58 year old State worker with the Department of Corrections 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

Gayle Leonard A 60 year old State worker with DCYF for 11 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was:

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

HEARINGS

The following appeals were heard:

Lynn Vinacco A 53 year old State worker with the Department of
Elderly Affairs 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

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

Barbara Day A 55 year old municipal worker with the
Burrilleville School Department for 17 years and 6
months.

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

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

David Boni A 53 year old Sargent for the Cranston Police
Department for 15 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

Meredith Acaro A 47 year old municipal worker for the Town of
South Kingstown for 16 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was:

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
September 12, 2007