

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
July 6, 2007

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on July 6, 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, Daniel Beardsley and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Carrie Kelly, Arne Perry, and Diane Bourne, 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 June 8, 2007 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2007.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

Mathias Ramos

A 59 year old State worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 19 years and 0 months.

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

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

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Mitchell Adams

A 49 year old municipal worker with the North Providence Fire Department 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

VOTED: To **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement due to a 2-2 vote, pending the vote from Ms. Rodriguez.

Meredith Arcaro

A 47 year old municipal worker with the Town of South Kingstown for 16 years and 9 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:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement based on the conclusions of the physicians of typical wear and tear.

David Boni

A 53 year old municipal worker with the Cranston Police Department for 15 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: By a 3-1 vote, with Mr. Dingley, Mr. Beardsley and Mr. Finelli voting yea and Mr. Boyce voting nay, to recommend that the Retirement Board **deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement based on the conclusion that injury is due to accumulative impact over the series of the job as well as non-job related activities.

RECONSIDERATION- Ordinary

William Macera

A 67 year old municipal worker with the Town of Johnston for 7 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: By a 3-1 vote, with Mr. Dingley, Mr. Beardsley and Mr. Finelli voting yea and Mr. Boyce voting nay, to recommend that the Retirement Board **deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

RECONSIDERATION- Accidental

Nancy Bennett

A 58 year old worker with the Central Falls School Dept. for 12 years and 0 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **approve**

the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Russell Bertrand

A 54 year old State worker with MHRH for 19 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:

VOTED:

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

Juvita DaRosa

A 45 year old State worker with the Dept.of Transportation for 17 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement due to no specific incident indicated causing the disability.

Lucille Desjardins

A 59 year old State worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 5 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

VOTED:

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

Gayle Leonard

A 60 year old State worker with the DCYF for 23 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement for Ms. Rodriguez's vote.

Leslie Theberge

A 40 year old state worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 5 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement for Dr. Ley's input.

Diane Van Nort

A 59 year old senior group worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 23 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.

Michael Williams

A 49 year old State worker with the RI Airport Commission for 17 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:

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

Beatriz Maldonado A 55 year old teacher with the Providence Public Schools for 12 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement based on the doctors' opinions that injury is due to overuse not an accident.

HEARINGS

Kathy Guilmette-Cipriano A 46 year old State worker with the Rhode Island College for 16 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. Dingley, it was:

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

Helen Swallow A 57 year old State worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 17 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. Dingley, 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 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
July 9, 2007