

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

**May 4, 2007**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 4, 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, Mark Dingley and Susan Rodriguez.

Also in attendance were: William O'Gara, General Counsel; Carrie Kelly , Arne Perry, and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the April 6, 2007 meeting was mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Boyce advised Mr. Perry that for the April 6, 2007 minutes he did not vote to table the request of Mr. Grande for a disability pension and that Susan Rodriguez tabled the request and that Mr. Boyce seconded the motion. The meeting minutes now reflect that change.

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

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of  
April 6, 2007.

The following applications were presented for consideration:

### **3. ORDINARY DISABILITY**

Stephen Patrangelo                      A 57 year old custodian with the Situate School Department 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

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Carol Nicholas                      A 59 year old teacher with the Town of Barrington for 19 years, 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

### **Accidental Disability**

Juvita DaRosa                      A 45 year old billing specialist with the DOT 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was: unanimously

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

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Leslie Theberge A 40 year old CNA 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. Dngley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

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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 one physician 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 **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

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Robert Ward A 63 year old building systems technician with the Eleanor Slater Complex for 23 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 **approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

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**Reconsideration**

Alan Barth

A 44 year old correctional officer at the Department of Corrections for 4 years and 0 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical report submitted by one physician 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 ordinary disability retirement.

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Nancy Bennett

A 58 year old teacher with the Central Falls School Department 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement as the documentation and medical reports submitted support an accidental disability.

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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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

the application for an accidental disability retirement. The Sub-Committee finds that Mr. DelBonis is not disabled from work as a mechanic.

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James Grande                      A 44 year old fireman with the North Providence Fire Department for 18 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

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

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William Macera                      A 67 year old mayor for 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:**                      To **table** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

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Helen Swallow                      A 57 year old RN nurse coordinator 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

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Gail Leonard A 60 year old implementation aide 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

**VOTED:** To **table** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

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**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 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry  
Rev: May 14, 2007