

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE  
HEARING OF THE  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

May 1, 2007

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 1, 2007 in the State House HEW Hearing Room #135 of the Employees' Retirement System, 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, Valari Diaz, Arne Perry, and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VOTED: None

The following applications were presented for consideration:

None

3. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Lawrence Costellesse                      A 54 year old Master Mechanic with the Town of Johnston for 7 years and 4 months.

After hearing testimony from Mr. Costellesse, and his attorney Steven Minicucci, and after review of the additional documentation presented, 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 as the documentation and medical reports do not support an accidental disability.

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Caleb George                                A 43 year old detective with the North Kingstown Police Department for 17 years and 5 months.

After hearing testimony from Caleb George, and his attorney Gary Gentile and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously

VOTED:                                      To **table** the application for an accidental disability as the Sub-Committee has further questions for Mr. George relating to his hearing loss.

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Craig Marciniak                            A 43 year old firefighter with the Cranston Fire Department for 16 years and 2 months.

After hearing testimony from Mr. Marciniak and his attorney James Kelleher, and reviewing the additional information provided by Mr. Marciniak and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously

VOTED:                                      To **table** the application for attorney review.

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Edward Cardillo                            A 52 year old mechanic with the Town of Johnston for 13 years and 3 months.

After hearing testimony from Mr. Cardillo and his attorney Thomas Bruzzese, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously

Voted: To **deny** the application as there is nothing in the record or testimony that indicates a single identifiable accident caused the injury.

4. NEW BUSINESS - None

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry  
Assistant Director of Member Services

May 15, 2007