

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

**January 4, 2008 – Revised March 18, 2008**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 4, 2008 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, and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Mike Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Sal Lombardi 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**

A draft of the minutes of the December 7, 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 Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2007

The following applications were presented for consideration:



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 unanimously:

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

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Cindy Collins A 42 year para professional with the Central Falls School Department for 11 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

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Cindy Conti-Cook A 44 year old correctional officer with the State of Rhode Island for 10 years and 10 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

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Donald Deshaies A 57 year old fire safety coordinator with URI for 13 year 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

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Virginia Lewis

A 48 year old community living aide with the MHRH for 2 years and 6 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Table** the application for an ordinary disability pension.

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Duc Powers

A 34 year detective with the Cranston Police Department for 11 years and 8 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 **DENY** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

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Lillian Rivera

A 45 year old sergeant with the Cranston Police Department for 11 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 Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

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

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**4. Ordinary Disability and Reconsiderations**

**None**

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5. **Hearings**  
**Accidental/Ordinary**

William Porter

A 47 year old automotive specialist with the State of Rhode Island for 8 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley it was unanimously:

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

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6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Sub-Committee, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry

January 9, 2008