

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

October 3, 2008

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on October 3, 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, Daniel Beardsley and Mark Dingley

Also in attendance were: James McCann, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Frank Karpinski, Gayle Mambro-Martin, Gloria Bernstein, and Arne Perry Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the September 5, 2008 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
September 5, 2008

The following applications were presented for consideration:

3. Accidental Reconsideration

1. Donald Deshaies A 57 year old fire safety coordinator at URI for 13 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

2. Joyce Seravo A 60 year old teacher with the Cumberland School Department for 12 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. Dingley, it was:

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

3. Michelle Ploude A 38 year old deputy sheriff with the Rhode Island Sheriff's Department 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

4. Louis Supino A 62 year old juvenile program worker with the RI Training School for 14 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

5. Theodore DeWolf A 40 year old corrections officer with RI State Department of Corrections for 16 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 Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

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

6. Cynthia Bacon A 48 year old case worker with the RI Department of Youth & Family Services, for 18 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 Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

7. Mary Ellen Malone A 64 year old teacher with the Pawtucket School System for 26 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 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.

8. Diane Iannelli A 51 year old housekeeper with URI for 7 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

2. Ordinary – Reconsideration

None

3. Accidental

9. Sandra Ellis A 61 year old teachers aide for the Cranston Public Schools for 1 year and 3 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 unanimously:

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

10. Robin Ross A 49 year old nursing assistant with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 0 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

11. Donna Ciafrei A 60 year old senior intern with the Dept. of Labor for 17 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

12. Richard Ferolito A 43 year old environmental health food specialist with the State of Rhode Island Department of Health for 8 years and 11 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

13. John Petrus A 56 year old store keeper with the State of Rhode Island Department of Health for 11 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

14. Edward Hawkins A 61 year old painter with URI for 24 years and 11 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 **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

15. Joyce Balasco

A 62 year old community living aide with the State of Rhode Island for 8 years and 5 months. **Deceased**

VOTED:

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the retirement systems and upon a motion 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 pending advise from legal counsel as to options available for a deceased member during the application process.

16. John LaPlume

A 42 year old corrections officer with the ACI for 14 years and 3 months.

VOTED:

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the retirement system and upon a motion 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.

4. Ordinary

17. Ann Krajewski

A 59 year old special education teacher with Johnston High School for 11 years and 3 months.

VOTED:

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the retirement system and upon a motion 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.

18. Deborah McWey

A 59 year old employment and training manager with the State of Rhode Island Labor & Training, for 20 years and 3 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 **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

19. Antonia Rocha A 59 year old corrections officer with the State Department of Corrections for 15 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

20. Patricia Lauro A 56 year old CNA with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 22 years and 7 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: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement

21. Bethany Creswick A 41 year old registered nurse with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 10 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

22. Thomas Lowney A 57 year old mental health worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 9 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

**5. Hearings – Scheduled beginning at 10:00 AM.
Accidental/Ordinary**

23. Brian McElroy A 49 year old teacher with the Providence School Department for 12 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

24. Denise Martino A 56 year old teacher with Central High School for 25 years and 8 months.

Case was moved to a January 2009 hearing date at the request of Attorney Kelleher.

25. Everett McCain A 62 year old firefighter with the North Providence Fire Department for 6 years and 4 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: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement

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. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry

November 3, 2008