

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**June 6, 2008**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 6, 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 (9:50 AM), Dan Beardsley and Gayle Mambro-Martin (for Mr. Dingley).

Also in attendance were: Michael 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 May 9, 2008 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting, and

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

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2008

The following applications were presented for consideration:

**3. ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

1. Thomas Schiavitti                      A 62 year old mechanic with the Narragansette Bay Commission for 24 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

**VOTED:**                                      To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement by a vote of 3 - 1 with Mr. Beardsley voting nay.

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2. Carrie Pariseau                         A 37 year old custodian with the Burrville School District for 5 years and 1 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was:

**VOTED:**                                      To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement by a vote of 3 – 1 with Mr. Beardsley voting nay.

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3. Alan Barth                                 A 58 year old correctional officer with the State Dept. of Corrections for 24 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:**                                      To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement, and to re-affirm the prior denial of the Sub-Committee.

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4. 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 the three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was:

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement by a vote of 4 – 1 with Mr. Beardsley voting nay.

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5. Donna Ciafrei                      A 60 year old senior intern with the Department of Labor for 17 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 Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

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

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6. William Ferreira                      A 61 year attendant with the MHRH for 16 years and 4 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

**VOTED:**                      To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement by a vote of 4 – 1 with Ms. Mambro-Martin voting nay.

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**2. Reconsideration – Ordinary**

7. None

**3. Accidental**

8. Min-Young Lee                      A 45 year old correctional officer with the State Department of Corrections, for 5 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was unanimously:

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

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9. 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 three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez 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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10. Eugene Matera A 48 year old housekeeper at RI College for 11 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was unanimously:

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

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11. Omer Boucher A 45 year old police officer with the Woonsocket Police Department for 16 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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was unanimously:

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

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**4. Ordinary**

12. James Suzman A 54 year old public works director with the Town of Smithfield 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement by a vote of 4-0. Ms Mambro-Martin recused herself from this vote

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13. Manette Jungles A 50 year old teacher with the Providence Public Schools for 12 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 Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

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

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14. Linda Harnois A 44 year old teacher at East Providence High School for 22 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 unanimously:

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

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15. Christoher Durigan A 52 year old teacher at the East Providence High School for 25 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 Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

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

**7. Hearings Accidental/Ordinary**

16. Brian Castro                      A 46 year old deputy sheriff with the Town of Smithfield for 21 years and 9 months.

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**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED:**                                      To adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry

June 24, 2008