

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

March 7, 2008

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on March 7, 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, Dan Beardsley and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Gail Mambro-Martin 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 February 8, 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2008

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

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

Virginia Lewis A 48 year 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. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

4. Reconsideration – Ordinary Disability

None

5. Accidental

James Quirk A 46 year old firefighter with the City of Cranston for 25 years and 1 month.

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 unanimously:

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

6. Ordinary

Dian Luther Baxter A 53 year old reading specialist with the East Providence School Department for 23 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

Eugene Beuparlant A 56 year old carpenter with the Woonsocket School Department 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

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

Janet Gareau A 52 year old CNA with the Zambarano Hospital for 17 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

Karl Swanson A 60 year old labor standards examiner with the RI Department of Labor & Training for 10 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. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement subject to a 1 year re-examination.

7. Hearings Accidental/Ordinary

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 Mr. Beardsley it was :

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

Lucille Desjardins

A 59 year old CNA assistant at the Eleanor Slater Hospital for 5 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

Voted: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability benefit.

Brian Castro
Patricia Logan
Cindy Conti-Cook

At the request of the attorney's for these three applicants the Hearings scheduled for the March 7 meeting have been moved to April 2008.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry

March 11, 2008