

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

January 9, 2009

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 9, 2009 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: John McCann, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Sal Lombardi, Gail Mambro-Martin, Alison Natale and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting, and

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 5,
2008

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

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

5. Eugene Matera A 48 year old housekeeper with 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY DISABILITY

NONE

5. ACCIDENTAL - New

6. Valarie McKenzie A 59 year old respiratory therapist with Eleanor Slater Hospital for 6 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.

7. David Palumbo A 44 year old janitor with MHRH for 19 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

8. David Homen A 44 year old fire fighter with Tiverton Fire Department for 19 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

9. Rachel Dumas A 59 year old custodian with Woonsocket Education Department for 17 years and 3 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.

6. ORDINARY – New

10. Ken Rogers A 56 year old teacher with Westerly School Department for 22 years and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by one physician engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

11. Peter Hoopis A 57 year old teacher with East Providence School Department for 24 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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

12. Steven MacKenzie A 59 year old teacher with Charaiho School District for 11 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

13. Michael Agin A 49 year old municipal worker with Pawtucket School Department for 12 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

14. Carol Brough A 60 year old teacher with Westerly Public Schools for 19 years and 1 month.

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 ordinary disability retirement.

15. Cecilia Lowell A 55 year old bus assistant with East Providence Schools 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 **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

16. Pauline Traficante A 52 year old behavior tech. with the Cranston School Department for 5 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY

17. Douglas Randall A 44 year old firefighter for the North Providence Fire Department for 17 years and 11 months.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Beardsly and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the Retirement Board uphold its previous decision to **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

18. Denise Martino A 56 year old teacher with Central High School for 25 years and 8 months. **Moved to February 6, 2009.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

19. Sal Lombardi To change the investigative process of Accidental Disability pensions. **Approve**

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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry

ACP:gsb

January 23, 2009