

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

May 8, 2009

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 8, 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, Alison Natale, Sal Lombardi and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the April 3, 2009 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. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of April 3,
2009

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

1. David Metcalfe A 44 year old patrolman with the East Greenwich Police Department for 4 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement subject to a one year review.

2. Richard Ferrelito A 43 year old environmental health food specialist with the 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

3. Michael Andescavage A 52 year old driver/laborer with the Town of Smithfield for 12 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement with Mr. Boyce voting nay.

4. Patricia Logan A 59 year old social case worker with DCYF for 15 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board uphold its previous decision to **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

5. Theodore Dewolf A 40 year old corrections officer with the 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement with Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Dingley voting nay.

6. John LaPlume A 42 year old corrections officer with the State Department of Corrections for 14 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement with Mr. Dingley voting nay.

7. Brent Gomez -Palhus A 39 year old firefighter with North Smithfield Fire Rescue for 8 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

8. Nicholas Guilmette A 28 year old police officer with Woonsocket Police Department for 2 years and 6 months.

The application for accidental disability was not heard and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

9. Patricia Santaniello A 63 year old teacher with Lincoln School Department for 24 years and 9 months.

The application for accidental disability was not heard and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

10. Robert Bastien A 45 year old correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for 14 years and 5 months..

The application for accidental disability was not heard and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

11. Christopher Shiels A 39 year old municipal patrolman with Burrillville Police Department for 14 years and 10 months.

The application for accidental disability was not heard and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

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

4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY DISABILITY

15. Dawn Dove A 60 year old teacher with Chariho Regional High School for 15 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

5. ACCIDENTAL - New

12. Sherry Quigley

A 44 year old housekeeper with University of RI for 18 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

13. William MacDonald (Deceased)

A 63 year old supervisor with the Department of Environmental Management for 25 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by his physician and the death certificate upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

VOTED:

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

14. Paul Cassavant

A 53 year old firefighter with the City of Cranston for 14 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

19. Mildred Grieve

A 54 year old teacher assistant with Bristol Warren School Department for 4 years and 7 months.

VOTED:

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

20. Mary Ellen Malone

A 64 year old teacher with Pawtucket School System for 26 years and 9 months.

VOTED:

Up a motion made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

8. NEW BUSINESS

21.

Light duty discussion continued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
ACP:gsb

May 27, 2009