

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

**June 12, 2009**  
**Special Meeting**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 12, 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: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Gayle Mambro-Martin, Sal Lombardi and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the June 5, 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 June 5, 2009

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

**3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

1. Robert Bastien                      A 45 year old correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for 14 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. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

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2. Sylvia Sampson                      A 64 year old community living aide with MHRH for 23 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. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

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3. 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

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4. Patricia Hunt                      A 46 year old behavioral specialist with Eleanor Slater Hospital for 2 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 Ms. Rodriguez it was:

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

**4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY DISABILITY**

5. 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 the 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 **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement with Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voting nay.

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6. Hilda Durango A 60 year old crossing guard with Pawtucket City Hall 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

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7. Karl Swanson A 60 year old Labor Standards Examiner with the Department of Labor and Training for 10 years and 8 months. One year recall examination.

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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

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#### **5. ACCIDENTAL - New**

8. Rosemary Osei A 55 year old community living aide with MHRH for 17 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

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

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9. Ronald Broady A 40 year old building maintenance for 19 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. Beardlsey and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

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

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**6. ORDINARY – New**

10. Lori Gelinas A 57 year old social case worker with the Department of Youth, Children and Families for 27 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

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

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11. Donna Darnbrough A 60 year old custodian services specialist with the Department of Elderly Affairs for 13 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:

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

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12. Marsha Monteliberto A 58 year old vocational rehab counselor with the Services for the Blind for 14 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

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

**7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY**

13. Rachel Dumas

A 59 year old custodian with the Woonsocket Education Department for 17 years and 3 months.

**VOTED:**

Upon a motion 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. With Mr. Finelli and Mr. Boyce voting nay.

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14. Patricia Patterson

A 38 year old deputy sheriff with the State of Rhode Island for 10 years and 11 months.

**VOTED:**

Up a motion 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.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

15. NONE

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 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry  
ACP:gsb

June 19, 2009