

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

**October 9, 2009**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on October 9, 2009 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Michael Boyce, Susan Rodriguez, Daniel Beardsley and Gayle Mambro-Martin (for Mark Dingley).

Also in attendance were: Randall Souza, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Acting Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the September 24, 2009 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

**VOTED:**                      To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2009

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

**3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL**

- 1. Steven Pepper                      A 46 year old municipal fire fighter with East Greenwich Fire District for 3 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:

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

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**4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY**

None

**5. ACCIDENTAL – New**

None

**6. ORDINARY – New**

- 2. Kevin Horning                      A 51 year old mechanic with the State Department of Transportation for 25 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 **Postpone** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

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- 3. Kimberly Arnold                      A 39 year old municipal, fire medic, with the Town of Lincoln for 10 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. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

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4. Patricia Bianco A 50 year old court reporter with the Rhode Island Family Court for 27 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin it was:

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

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5. Rebecca Magiera A 59 year old registered nurse with Eleanor Slater Hospital for 17 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:

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

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6. Alfred Andrade A 51 year old mechanic with the Narragansett Bay Commission for 27 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

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7. Robyn Carosi A 52 year old teacher with Johnston Public Schools 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was unanimously:

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

8. Maryann Rainey

A 55 year old teacher with Cumberland School Department for 27 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:**

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

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**7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY**

None

9. Janice Connelly

A 59 year old state, probation/parole officer with the Department of Corrections for 19 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

**VOTED:**

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

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**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT to Special Meeting**

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

To adjourn the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry  
ACP:gsb

October 29, 2009