

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

September 24, 2009

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 24, 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; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the August 28, 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. Boyce, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28,
2009

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

3. ACCIDENTAL RECONSIDERATION -

1. Paul Cassavant A 53 year old fire fighter 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

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2. Patricia Hunt A 46 year old state 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.

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3. Meredith Arcaro A 47 year old municipal patrol officer with the Town of South Kingstown for 16 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

4. ORDINARY - RECONSIDERATION

4. Karl Swanson Was a 60 year old state labor standards examiner with the RI Dept. of Labor and Training for 10 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the information for the one year review 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 continuation of the ordinary disability retirement.

5. ACCIDENTAL - New

None

6. ORDINARY – New

5. Kathleen Lowry A 55 year old state, correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for 16 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

6. Raymond McKenna A 59 year old state, school social worker with the Warren Public Schools 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

7. Barbara Heaton A 57 year old state, janitor with Garrahy Judicial Complex for 21 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. Dingley 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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8. Joseph Galligan A 54 year old state, carpenter with MHRH for 26 years and 10 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

9. Linda Simmons A 57 year ol state, community living aide with MHRH for 8 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

10. Colleen Beltrami A 54 year old state, HR analyst with the Department of Corrections for 23 years and 10 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 ordinary disability retirement.

7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY

11. Michael Andescavage A 52 year old municipal, driver/laborer with the Town of Smithfield for 12 years and 2 months.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

12. William McDonald

A 63 year old state, supervisor with the Dept of Environmental Management for 25 years and 4 months. DECEASED.

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

13. Ronald Broady

A 49 year old state, building maintenance with MHRH for 19 years and 11 months.

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.

14. Dawn Dove

A 60 year old teacher with Chariho Regional High School for 15 years and 2 months.

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 ordinary disability retirement with Mr. Boyce voting nay.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
ACP:gsb

September 30, 2009