

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

**May 7, 2010**

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 7, 2010 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 Knorr Rodriguez, Daniel Beardsley and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Gloria Bernstein, Arne Perry, Sal Lombardi, Gayle Mambro-Martin, Diane Bourne and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft of the minutes of the April 9, 2010 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 April 9,  
2010

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

**3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL**

1. Phillip DeBeaulieu                      A 54 year old state, electrical inspector with Rhode Island DOT for 7 years and 5 months.

**VOTED:**

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 unanimously:

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

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2. Krystyn Orsi                                A 28 year old state, capital police officer, with the Dept. of Public Safety for 7 years and 7 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.

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3. Nicholas Guilmette                      A 28 year old state, police officer with the Town of Woonsocket for 2 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

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4. David Palumbo                            A 45 year old state. Janitor with MHRH for 19 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 uphold the previous decision to **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

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**4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY**

NONE

**5. ACCIDENTAL – New**

5. Karen Giorgi A 55 year old state, institution attendant with MHRH for 15 years and 0 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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6. Shirley Kinsey A 49 year old teacher, assistant principal with the City of Providence for 11 years and 0 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 unanimously:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Dingley excuse himself from voting due to conflict of interest.

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7. Donna Desimone A 51 year old state, community living aid, with RI CLAS for 20 years and 7 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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**6. ORDINARY – New**

8. Laurie Waite A 48 year old municipal, election clerk with the City of Pawtucket for 12 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. Dingley 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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9. Douglas Randall, Sr. A 46 year old municipal, firefighter with the North Providence for 19 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 ordinary disability retirement.

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10. Annamarie Shea A 56 year old teacher, physical therapist with the Narragansett School District for 9 years and 0 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. Dingley it was unanimously:

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

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11. Willistine Vieira                      A 55 year old state, storekeeper with URI for 19 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 Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

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12. John O'Donnell                      A 64 year old state, fiscal management officer with Eleanor Slater 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 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.

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13. Lawrence Leech                      A 57 year old municipal, custodian with the Central Falls School Department for 20 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley 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**

14. Albert Turcotte

A 57 year old state, carpenter with MHRH for 3 years and 7 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. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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:

To adjourn the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry  
ACP:gsb

May 28, 2010