

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

June 4, 2010

A meeting of the Disability Sub-Committee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 4, 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 9:07 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the May 7, 2010 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 Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of May 7,
2010

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL

- 1. John Wheeler A 47 year old municipal, director of safety and training with the Town of North Providence Fire 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. Dingley 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. Sylvia Sampson A 66 year old state, 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY

NONE

5. ACCIDENTAL – New

- 3. David Singleton A45 year old municipal, lieutenant with North Providence Fire District for 21 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

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

7. Normand Aubin A 58 year old state, carpenter supervisor at RI College for 17 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was unanimously:

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

8. Michelle Mencarini A 43 year old state, eligibility tech with the Department of Human Services 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was unanimously:

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

7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY

9. Carmela Coppa A 61 year old municipal, custodian with the Cranston School Department for 5 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

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

10. Robyn Carosi A 52 year old teacher with the Johnston Public School Department for 14 years and 6 months.
Postpone to later date by member.

11. Conceicao Medeiros A 44 year old state, CNA at the RI Veterans Home for 3 years and 6 months. **Postpone to later date by member.**

8. POST – RETIREMENT REVIEW

Jerry Prete

The Retirement Board secured information regarding Jerry Prete, a 42 year old retiree who was approved for an accidental disability pension on April 10, 1996. As a result, the Board voted to explore the matter to determine the necessity of requiring Mr. Prete to undergo a reexamination by an Independent Medical Examiner and whether the matter should be reported to the Financial Crimes Unit of the State Police.

9. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

10. 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 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arne C. Perry
ACP:gsb

June 28, 2010