

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

April 8, 2011

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 8, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez; and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the March 4, 2011 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to today, and

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2011.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED To approve the agenda and deliberate upon applications for disability out of sequence to accommodate members and interested parties present.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Jennifer Leyden

A 45 year old teacher with the Providence Public School District for 12 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of April 19, 2010 to **Deny** the accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voting Nay.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Janice Evans

A 57 year old state housekeeper with Rhode Island College for 15 years and 3 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

Jennifer Csizmesia

A 45 year old municipal water meter reader and repairman/shop man with the City of Woonsocket for 9 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Grace Sumney

A 47 year old state community living aide with MHRH-RI CLAS for 19 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Amendment made by Mr. Dingley to approve the disability application pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-16-15(b), providing the member with a retirement allowance equal to 50% of the member's compensation as of the date of the member's retirement. Mr. Dingley voting Nay.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Donna-Gayle D'Arezzo

A 52 year old teacher with Cumberland Public School for 19 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

April 29, 2011