

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

June 3, 2011

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 3, 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 May 6, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review, and

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

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of May 6, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

RECONSIDERATION HEARINGS

Juvita Darosa

A 49 year old state billing specialist with the Department of Transportation for 17 years.

Following the reconsideration hearing and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To **Postpone** the decision regarding Ms. Darosa's reconsideration request related to her application for an ordinary disability pension.

Conceicao Medeiros

A 45 year old state certified nursing assistant with RI Veterans Home for 3 years 6 months

Following the reconsideration hearing and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of December 4, 2009 **Denying** the application for an accidental disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

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

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

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.

Olga Ortiz

A 48 year old state correctional officer with RI Department of Corrections for 9 years and 11 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley: Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

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

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Lisa Poirier A 59 year old teacher with the Providence School Department for 26 years.

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 unanimously:

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

Everett McCain A 65 year old municipal lineman for the North Providence Fire Department for 6 years and 4 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

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

David Narcavage A 37 year old state juvenile program worker with the Training school for 8 years and 7 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 unanimously:

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

Post Retirement Review

Jerry Prete

Discussion regarding information provided by Mr. Prete regarding his employment and current physical condition. Motion made by Ms. Rodriguez and second by Mr. Beardsley to obtain further information regarding Mr. Prete's employment and medical records.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

June 29, 2011