

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

September 9, 2011

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 9, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Daniel Beardsley; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez; and Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of 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, Acting Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the July 8, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review, and Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Jennifer Csizmesia

A 45 year old municipal water division meter reader with the city of Woonsocket with 9 years and 4 months of service credit.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and correspondence from the city of Woonsocket and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Louise Pearson

A 56 year old state cook at Rhode Island College with 19 years and 5 months of service credit.

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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 66 2/3 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement.

William Kluth

A 57 year old municipal worker with the city of Newport with 27 years and 9 months of service credit.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and information Mr. Kluth provided by way of testimony at his reconsideration hearing, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To Approve Mr. Kluth's application for an accidental disability pension.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Edward Young

A 46 year old state correctional officer with the Department of Corrections for 23 years and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and testimony provided by Mr. Young and information presented by his counsel and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of December 8, 2010 **Denying** the application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Lynus Berube, Jr.

A 56 year old state semi-skilled laborer with Rhode Island College for 26 years and 2 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. Boyce and seconded Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental 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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Mariapia Lugini

A 64 year old state institutional attendant with Eleanor Slater Hospital for 13 years and 4 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Michael Maselli

A 54 year old state highway maintenance operator with Department of Transportation for 18 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Roland Trudeau

A 73 year old municipal custodian with Woonsocket School Department for 9 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Joseph Duffy

A 47 year old municipal custodian with Pawtucket School Department for 14 years and 8 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Edward Donovan

A 63 year old teacher with Westerly Public School Department for 8 years and 3 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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Kathleen Adams

A 58 year old teacher with Warwick Public School Department for 10 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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin it was unanimously:

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

September 30, 2011