

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
April 6, 2012

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 6, 2012 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, 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 9:04 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the March 9, 2012 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2012.

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

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

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

David Bradley

A 32 year old municipal truck driver with the City of East Providence for 6 years and 6 months.

After reviewing the documents including but not limited to the application, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the determination for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Toni Dimaio

A 50 year old state billing specialist with the Department of Transportation for 27 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability pension.

Douglas Munroe

A 51 year old state caseworker supervisor with the Department of Human Services for 24 years and 8 months and 26 days.

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 Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the determination for an ordinary disability pension.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Peter Ferraro

A 53 year old teacher with the Westerly School District for 10 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and additional documents provided by the member and his counsel upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of September 8, 2010 **Denying** Mr. Ferraro's application for a disability pension. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted nay.

Denise Monastesse A 59 year old teacher with the Pawtucket School Department for 23 years and 7 months 16 days.

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 Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the determination for an ordinary pension.

Hilda Dewey A 64 year old municipal teacher assistant with the Barrington School Department for 8 years and 5 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 reaffirm the decision of January 11, 2012 **Denying** Ms. Dewey's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce recuses himself.

MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Raymond Hoyas A 51 year old State Senate's Secretary, for 24 years and 3 months.

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

VOTED: To **Postpone** a determination of Mr. Hoyas' ordinary disability application.

NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

April 27, 2012