

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

July 6, 2012

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on July 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 Gayle Mambro-Martin.

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 9:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the May 4, 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 May 4, 2012.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin, it was:

VOTED To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

ORDINARY DISABILITY

David Collins

A 47 year old state building maintenance supervisor with the Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 27 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone a decision on** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Antonio Leite A 45 year old police officer with the city of Cranston. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 8 months and 28 days 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

David Bradley A 32 year old municipal truck driver with the City of East Providence. (Estimated service credits 6 years, 6 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 Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Raymond Hoyas A 51 year old State Senate's Secretary. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 3 months)

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

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Finelli and Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Robert Cahill, Sr. A 52 year old state communication system operator with the Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 6 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 **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Herman Rainey

A 53 year old state juvenile program worker with the Department of Children, Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 20 years, 3 months, 14 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Hernani Rosa

A 49 year old state correctional officer with the RI Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 7 months, 23 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

Elizabeth Costa

A 64 year old state CNA with the RI Veterans Home. (Estimated service credits 13 years, 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 Ms. Rodriguez:

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

Gail Girolimon

A 59 year old teacher with the Cumberland High School Department. (Estimated service credits 9 years,6 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. Mambro-Martin and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Rene Gaumont

A 65 year old municipal laborer with the Town of Cumberland. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 2 months, 6 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. Beardsley:

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

Sharyn Wilk

A 63 year old municipal help desk support coordinator with the City of Cranston. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 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. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Roseann Antonetti

A 64 year old municipal custodian with Cranston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 11 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Jane Johnson

A 56 year old state caseworker supervisor II with the Department of Children Youth and Families.

(Estimated service credits 27 years, 6 months, 15 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

John Carvalho A 58 year old municipal senior custodian with the Cranston School Department. (Estimated service credits 22 years, 13 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Betty Courtemanche A 55 year old state community living aide with Zambarano Hospital. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 5 months, 20 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Donald Costa Jr. A 57 years old municipal laborer with the City of Newport Parks. (Estimated service credits 23 years, 13 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

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

Cynthia Desmarais A 55 year old state assistant business management officer at URI. (Estimated service credits 28 years, 8 months, 13 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Brenda D'Angelo A 46 year old state technician with the Department of Human services. (Estimated service credits 13 years, 21 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Hilda Dewey A 64 year old municipal teacher assistant with the Barrington School Department. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Boyce recused himself from voting on this application.

Claudette Valois A 49 year old state administrative assistant with the Rhode Island Judiciary. (Estimated service credits 17 years, 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. Mambro-Martin and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

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

NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

The Subcommittee requests 3 years prior medical records from members applying for ordinary disability pensions as a result of medical issues related to their backs and/or back injuries.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

July 27, 2012