

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

December 7, 2012

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on December 7, 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 (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, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

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

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

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

VOTED To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

REMANDED

David Palumbo A janitor with MHRH. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Palumbo's application for an accidental disability retirement.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Herman Rainey A juvenile program worker with the Department of Children Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 20 years, 3 months and 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 reaffirm the decision of July 11, 2012 **Denying** Mr. Rainey's application for an accidental disability pension.

REMANDED

Linda Acciaro A chief field inspector with the Department of Health. (Estimated service credits 15 years and 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 **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Acciaro's application for an accidental disability pension.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Diane Diprete-Sparling A teacher with the Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 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. Boyce and seconded by Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Diprete-Sparling's application for an ordinary disability pension with a review to be completed next year.

Joseph Theroux

A fire lieutenant with the Woonsocket Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

VOTED: To **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Theroux’s application for an accidental disability pension pending further documentation.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Carlo Gentile

A laundry worker with the Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 10 years, 15 days)

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

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Gentile’s application for an accidental disability pension.

Dennis Forrestal

A correctional officer with the Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 4 months, 18 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 Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Forrestal’s application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Ernest Chartier

A correctional officer with the Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 21 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Chartier’s application for an ordinary disability.

NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Robert Cahill

Deliberation regarding Mr. Cahill's requested continuance. Subcommittee requests that Mr. Cahill's reconsideration hearing be scheduled for next month, and voted to deny his continuance request.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

December 28, 2012