

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
April 5, 2013

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 5, 2013 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Susan Knorr Rodriguez, and Mark Dingley .

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone, Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Vice Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the March 8, 2013 meeting minutes were 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 March 8, 2013.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Carl Mueller Teacher with the Burrilville School Department.
(Estimated service credits 23 years, 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 Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To overturn the decision of November 14, 2012
Denying Mr. Mueller's application for an ordinary disability pension. Ms. Rodriguez voted Nay.

ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Linda Burgess Home supervisor with Care and Development Services. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 8 months, 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 Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Burgess' application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Michelle Cavanagh Human resources analyst II with the Department of Administration. (Estimated service credits 16 years, 4 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. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Cavanagh's application for an ordinary disability pension with a review to be completed in one year.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Henry Jacques Housekeeper with Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 29 years, 11 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Jacques' application for an accidental disability pension.

Lynn Hazard Custodian with the East Greenwich School Department. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 10 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 **Deny** Ms. Hazard's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Lauren Vierra Educational specialist with East Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 9 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. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Vierra's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Margaret Feula Student performance liaison at the William Davies Jr. Career & Technical High School (Estimated service credits 24 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 Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Feula's application for an ordinary disability pension.

Mitchell Levin Campus police office at URI (Estimated service credits 5 years, 3 months, 30 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 **Approve** Mr. Levin's application for an ordinary disability pension.

Karlin Silva Teacher assistant with the South Kingstown School Department (Estimated service credits 11 years, 8 months, 22 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. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Silva's application for an ordinary disability pension.

Jane Calo Assistant administrative officer with the Department of Environmental Management (Estimated service credits 27 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 Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Calo's application for an ordinary disability pension with a review to be completed in one year.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Disability Subcommittee approved payment of invoices for physicians for appointments not kept by members for IMEs, not requesting reimbursements from members.

Discussion regarding the disability process – The Subcommittee was informed of the following: we have added a new gastroenterology doctor to our list and are continuing to work to get additional IMEs; we are further improving our disability tracking; and we are sending follow-up correspondence to those members whose applications are incomplete.

Mr. Beardsley informed the Committee that the Governor's Commission on Disability has introduced a bill for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
GCM:gsb

April 26, 2013