

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
May 3, 2013

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 3, 2013 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Susan Knorr Rodriguez, and Melissa Malone (present on behalf of the General Treasurer).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the April 5, 2013 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of April 5, 2013.

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

VOTED To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

ORDINARY MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Shelley Regan Industrial hygienist with the Department of Health.
(Estimated service credits 23 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 Mr. Boyce:

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

Denise Monastesse Teacher with the Pawtucket School Department.
(Estimated service credits 23 years, 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of November 9, 2011 **Denying** Ms. Monastesse's application for an ordinary disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Suzanne Marsella Teacher with the Woonsocket Education Department. (Estimated service credits 9 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Marsella's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce Voted Nay.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Carlo Gentile Laundry worker with 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, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of December 12, 2012 **Denying** Mr. Gentile's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

John Moniz

Assistant production worker at Rhode Island Lottery. (Estimated service credits 5 years, 7 months, 29 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 **Approve** Mr. Moniz's application for an ordinary disability.

Lois DiGaetano

Correctional officer with the Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 22 years, 1 month)

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** Ms. DiGaetano's application for an ordinary disability.

Joseph Rhodes

Community program counselor with the Department of Corrections. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 2 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Jennifer Lambert

Teacher with the West Warwick Public School Department. (Estimated service credits 22 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 Mr. Beardsley:

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

William Zambarano

Custodian at North Providence School Department (Estimated service credits 19 years, 7 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. Malone:

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

Lee Brando Teacher assistant with the Bristol Warren Regional School District. (Estimated service credits 20 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 Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Lee Fazio Teacher of children who are blind or visually impaired for Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 14 years, 9 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. Malone:

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

Edward Gaboriault Water utility worker III with the Pawtucket Water District. (Estimated service credits 5 years, 10 months, 11 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** Mr. Gaboriault's application for an ordinary disability pension.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussion regarding the invoice from a physician for an appointment not kept by a member for an IME.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

GCM:gsb

May 31, 2013