

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**June 7, 2013**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on June 7, 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; and Melissa Malone (present on behalf of the General Treasurer).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; 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 May 3, 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 May 3, 2013.

**RECONSIDERATION HEARING**

**Robert Cahill** Communication Systems 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Cahill's application for an ordinary disability. Ms. Malone voted Nay.

**Albert Delmastro, Jr.**

Electrician with the Community College of Rhode Island. (Estimated service credits 2 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Delmastro's application for an accidental disability pension.

Mr. Boyce was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

**ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

**Nicholas Romeo**

Firefighter (Captain), with the Coventry Fire District. (Estimated service credits 20 years, 4 months, 9 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 Mr. Beardsley:

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

**Sandra Jacob**

Senior Cook with Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 11 months, 10 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. Malone:

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

**Alice McCoy**

Registered Nurse with Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 25 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Gregg Marnane** Capitol Police Officer with the Department of Public Safety. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 8 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Marnane's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Guy Marshall** Teacher Assistant with the North Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 5 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

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

**Cristiano Costa, Jr.** Custodian with the East Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 11 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**Michael Johnson** Custodian with Middletown Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 23, years, 4 months 10 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 Mr. Beardsley:

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

**DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Update by Dr. Ley regarding cancer study for firefighters.

Discussion regarding the July meeting date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone it was unanimously:

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.  
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June 28, 2013