

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

March 7, 2014

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on March 7, 2014 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; Peter Dennehy and Andrew Marcaccio (alternate for Melissa Malone).

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 9:06 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the February 6, 2014 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 February 6, 2014.

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

VOTED To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

HEARINGS – ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Christopher Leveillee

EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire District.
(Estimated service credits 11 years, 7 months, 2 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. Marcaccio and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Leveillee’s application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

Jennifer Lambert

Teacher, 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Lambert’s application for an ordinary disability. Mr. Marcaccio voted Nay.

Linda Acciaro

Chief Field Inspector, Department of Health.
(Estimated service credits 15 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 Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of September 2, 2009 **Denying** Ms. Acciaro’s application for an accidental disability pension.

Linda Burgess

Home Supervisor, 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Burgess’ application for an accidental disability at 66 2/3 %.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Took under advisement IME physician's request to provide a presentation to the Committee on neurological disorders of the spine

Discussion regarding disability hearings/meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

March 28, 2014