

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

**November 7, 2014**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on November 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 Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Randall Souza, 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 9:07 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the October 3, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2014.

**HEARINGS –ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY**

**Eubalda Coates**                      Cook's Helper, Department of Human Services  
Veterans' Affairs. (Estimated service credits 10  
months)

Member cancelled due to illness. To be rescheduled.

**Michael Stevens**

EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire District.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 8 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Stevens' application for an accidental disability pension.

**ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

**Francis Perry**

Engineering Technician, Department of Transportation.

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 Accept the Report.

**ACCIDENTAL**

**Janet Delmastro-Gough**

Community Living Aide, BHDDH – RICLAS .  
(Estimated service credits 10 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Delmastro-Gough's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement. Ms. Malone voted Nay.

**Augusta Socree**

Community Living Aide, BHDDH – RICLAS .  
(Estimated service credits 12 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

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

**George Fry, Jr.** Community Living Aide, State of RI Developmental Disabilities. (Estimated service credits 25 years, 8 months, 6 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** Mr. Fry's application for an accidental disability pension.

**Ichael Mcdonald** Institution Attendant Psychiatric, BHDDH, Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 10 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

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

**Emile Ziadeh** Principal Civil Engineer, RI Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 9 months, 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

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

**Norbert Farias**

Assistant Inventory Control Clerk, Narragansett Bay Commission. (Estimated service credits 17 years, 5 months, 26 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. Denney:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Farias' application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Ms. Malone and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

**Daniel Cook**

Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department. (Estimated service credits 13 years, 8 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Cook's application for an accidental disability pension.

**Darin Lucas**

Juvenile Program Worker, DCYF –Training School. (Estimated service credits 16 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Lucas' application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

**Jason Lavallee**

Firefighter, Cumberland Hill fire District. (Estimated service credits 14 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. Denney:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Lucas' application for an accidental disability pension.

**ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Wilmot Howard**

Community Living Aide, BHDDH – RICLAS..  
(Estimated service credits 8 years, 4 months, 25 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. Howard’s application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Wendy Karspeck**

Teacher, West Warwick, Public Schools.  
(Estimated service credits 18 years, 10 months, 12 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 Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Karspeck’s application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Kathy Farwell**

Monitor Advocate/Champ Coordinator, RI  
Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 1 month, 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Farwell’s application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Rosalind Green**

Senior Clerk, City of Newport. Web Developer, City of Newport. (Estimated service credits 5 years, 6 months, 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Green's application for an ordinary disability pension. Mr. Dennehy voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

**Ann Jennings** Teacher, Assistant, South Kingstown School Department. (Estimated service credits 10 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**Agenda** Disability Application Process

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

November 26, 2014