

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

December 5, 2014

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on December 5, 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: 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 9:08 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the November 7, 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 November 7, 2014.

HEARINGS –ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Jane Calo Assistant Administrative Officer, R.I. Department of Environmental Management.

Attorney just retained and asked for hearing to be rescheduled.

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

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

Margaret Provoyeur Teacher, Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 14 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of June 18, 2014 **denying** Ms. Provoyeur's application for an accidental disability pension.

Karen Furtado Registered Nurse, Eleanor Slater Hospital.
(Estimated service credits 9 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of June 18, 2014 **denying** Ms. Furtado's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Finelli recused himself. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

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 **Approve** Ms. Furtado's application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

HEARING –ORDINARY DISABILITY

Norman Breton Web Developer, City of Newport. (Estimated service credits 6 years, 11 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

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

pension. Mr. Beardsley voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Keith Printer Firefighter, Cranston Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 16 years, 5 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. Dennehy:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of November 13, 2013 **denying** Mr. Printer's application for an accidental disability pension.

Nicholas Guilmette Police Officer, City of Woonsocket. (Estimated service credits 6 years, 7 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 Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Mr. Boyce left meeting at 11:30.

ACCIDENTAL

Stephen Alfonso Environmental Police Officer, RI DEM. (Estimated service credits 8 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. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Kathleen Murphy

Senior Work Processing Typist, URI. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 9 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Murphy'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.

Albert Turcotte

Carpenter, MHRH. (Estimated service credits 3 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 Mr. Turcotte's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Ronald Broady

Building Superintendent, Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 20 years, 1 month, 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 Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Andrew Butler

Firefighter, Johnston Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 8 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. Dennehy:

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

Elisabeth Stephenson Institution Attendant, R.I. Veteran's Home.
(Estimated service credits 6 years, 3 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 **Deny** Ms. Stephenson's application for an accidental disability pension.

Jennifer Coccia Teacher Assistant Special Education, Johnston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 9 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 **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Coccia's application for an accidental disability pension.

Nancy Finn Certified Nursing Assistant, BHDDH-Zambarano.
(Estimated service credits 13 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 **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Finn's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Ann Silva Data Entry Operator, DOR. (Estimated service credits 24 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 Ms. Malone:

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

Carol-Ann Johnson Institution Attendant Psychiatric, BHDDH-Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 21 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. Dennehy and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

Tina LeMay Teacher, Cumberland School Department. (Estimated service credits 20 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. Beardsley:

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

Anna Smith Health Services Regulation Licensing Aide, RI Department of Health. (Estimated service credits 16 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. Dennehy:

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

Agenda None

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 31, 2014