

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
February 6, 2015

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on February 6, 2015 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; Michael Sligar and Amy Crane.

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 9:07 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the January 9, 2015 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2015.

HEARINGS

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

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

VOTED: Moved to continue.

Richard Depari Laborer, Town of Johnston.
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 4 months)

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

VOTED: To accept Mr. Depari's request to withdraw his appeal of the denial of his accidental disability application.

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. Depari's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Maryann Amaral Teacher, East Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 15 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 for discussion purposes:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Amaral's application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Finelli and Mr. Sligar voted yes. Ms. Crane and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

William Kerwin Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.
(Estimated service credits 5 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Kerwin's 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.

Jennifer Leyden

Teacher, Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 12 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 Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of April 9, 2010 **denying** Ms. Leyden's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Ms. Crane and 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

HEARING

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. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

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

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

VOTED: To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

ACCIDENTAL - NEW

Stephen Horan

Firefighter, North Providence Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 22 years, 8 months, 4 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. Crane:

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

Stephen L'Heureux

Firefighter, North Providence Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 28 years, 4 months, 30 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

ORDINARY - NEW

Robert Lincourt

Firefight, North Providence Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 6 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 Mr. Boyce:

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

ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Rosalind Green

Senior Clerk, 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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

ACCIDENTAL - NEW

James Cote

Police Officer City of Woonsocket. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 3 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. Crane:

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

Edward Wagner

Mason, State of Rhode Island. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 2 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 Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Wagner's 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.

Keith Notarianni

Firefighter, Town of Middletown Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 11 years, 1 month, 1 day)

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. Notarianni's application for an accidental disability retirement.

ORDINARY - NEW

David Lashus

Firefighter, Town of Johnston. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 11 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

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

Elizabeth Nogueira Liptak

Teacher, Newport Public Schools. (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. Sligar and seconded by Ms. Crane:

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

Regina Socree

Community Living Aide, Department of BHDDH.
(Estimated service credits 7 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. Crane:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Socree's application for an ordinary disability pension.

Agenda

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 27, 2015