

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
April 3, 2015

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on April 3, 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; Andrew Marcaccio 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 9:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the March 6, 2015 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 March 6, 2015.

HEARINGS

Benita Fernandez Social Caseworker II, Department of Children Youth and Families. (estimated service credits 4 years, 5 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. Marcaccio and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of September 7, 2012 **denying** Ms. Fernandez's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Micheal Ray Firefighter, Cranston Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 12 years, 10 months, 13 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. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Ray'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 Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Jorge Lomastro Teacher, East Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 11 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 Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Lomastro's application for an accidental disability pension. Ms. Crane voted Yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli 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 Ms. Boyce:

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

Jane Carr Nurse/Teacher, Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 26 years, 5 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. Carr's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 16-16-17 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement.

Kathleen Gince Teacher Assistant, Woonsocket Education Department. (Estimated service credits 16 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Gince application for an accidental disability.

ACCIDENTAL - NEW

Patricia Pryor Customer Service Representative, R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles. (Estimated service credits 8 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** Ms. Pryor'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.

Michelle Desrosiers

Highway Maintenance Operator, Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 12 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

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. Boyce:

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

Timothy Hurley

Housekeeper, URI. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 2 months, 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. Crane:

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

ORDINARY - NEW

Dana Aspinwall

Laborer, Town of Cumberland. (Estimated service credits 11 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. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

Peter Machado Custodian, Bristol Warren Regional School District.
(Estimated service credits 5 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** Mr. Machado's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Agenda Robert Lincourt – Hold discussion and decision regarding timeliness of new application for accidental disability retirement and outcome of Motion to Remand pending in Superior Court.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

April 30, 2015