

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**September 4, 2015**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on September 4, 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 9:03 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the August 7, 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 August 7, 2015.

**HEARINGS**

**Emile Ziadeh** Principal Civil Engineer, RI Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 9 months, 14 days)

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

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board grant Mr. Ziadeh's request for a continuance.

**ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Jacqueline Lee**

Teacher, Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 13 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

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

**ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Joseph Cuozzo**

Deputy Sheriff II, Department of Public Safety  
Sheriffs Division. (Estimated service credits 22  
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 Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Cuozzo'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.

**Damon Borrelli**

Police Officer, South Kingstown Police Department.  
(Estimated service credits 11 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. Sligar:

**VOTED:**

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

**ACCIDENTAL - NEW**

**Paulo Cordeiro**

Equipment Operator II – Recycling, City of Pawtucket. (Estimated service credits 7 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. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

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

**Carmen Ortiz**

Community Living Aide, BHDDH. (Estimated service credits 25 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 Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

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

**Lillian Kizekai**

Institution Attendant, Department of Human Services. (Estimated service credits 3 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 **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Kizekai's application for an accidental disability pension.  
Mr. Sligar Recused.

**ORDINARY- NEW**

**Kathleen Meehan**

Records Clerk, East Providence Police Department. (Estimated service credits 13 years, 9 months, 21 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. Boyce:

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

**Kim Silva**

Teacher, Pawtucket School Department. (Estimated service credits 13 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 Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

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

**Todd Ethier**

Driver/Laborer/Operator, City of Pawtucket. (Estimated service credits 9 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. Beardsley:

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

**Denise Dvorak**

Teacher, Portsmouth School Department. (Estimated service credits 23 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

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

**Patricia Lamb** Human Resources Technician, Department of Administration. (Estimated service credits 29 years, 7 months, 21 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. Sligar:

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

**Jodana Brown** Probation and Parole Office II, Department of Corrections. (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 Ms. Crane:

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

**Agenda** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 1, 2015