

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

**October 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on October 7, 2016 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Andrew Marcaccio and Amy Crane and Thomas Lambert.

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 September 9, 2016 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Lambert, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2016.

**HEARING**

**Wayne Cushman**                      Detective, City of Cranston Police Department.  
(estimated service credits 20 years, 4 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. Lambert:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of April 13, 2016 **denying** Mr. Cushman's application for an accidental disability pension.

**ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Richard Delbonis** Firefighter, City of Cranston Fire Department.  
(Estimated service credits 22 years, 4 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Lambert:

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

**Donald Ditusa** Custodian, Scituate School Department. (Estimated service credits 12 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. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**ACCIDENTAL - NEW**

**Janet Durfee-Hidalgo** Director of PK – 20 Affairs, RI Office of Higher Education. (Estimated service credits 10 years 8 months, 9 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 **Approve** Ms. Durfee-Hidalgo'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.

**Todd Evans** Park Maintenance Technician, Town of South Kingstown. (Estimated service credits 13 years 3 months, 11 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 **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Evans's application for an accidental disability retirement.

**David Benevides** Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.  
(Estimated service credits 11 years 12 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. Marcaccio:

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

**ORDINARY - NEW**

**Peter Kokolski** Utility Person, City of Woonsocket. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 3 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**Cheryl Robinson-Roberts** Deputy Clerk, Judicial Family Court. (Estimated service credits 28 years, 6 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 Mr. Marcaccio and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Robinson-Roberts' application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Joseph Apice** Food Service Administrator, Department of Human Services. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 10 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

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

**Gerianne Hart** Teacher, Johnston School Department. (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 Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

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

**Christopher Fee** Teacher, Chariho Regional School District. (Estimated service credits 14 years, 9 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 Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Lambert:

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

**Michelle St. Germaine** Teacher, Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 14 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. Marcaccio:

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

**Beatriz Perez** Program Manager/ Principal Public Health Promotion Specialist, RI Department of Health. (Estimated service credits 20 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. Crane and seconded by Mr. Lambert:

**VOTED:**

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

**Agenda**

**None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED**

To adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 26, 2016