

**MEETING NO: 11-06-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 2211 York Road, Oak Brook, Illinois. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Shoop, and Rademacher; IMRF Medical Consultant Dr Rao; and IMRF staff members, Dixon, Seputis, O'Brien, and Raitt.

(11-06-01)(Roll call)

Ms. Rademacher presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

(11-06-02)(Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on May 19, 2011.

After discussion, Mr. Shoop moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Copper.

Aye: Unanimous voice vote

(11-06-03)(Total and Permanent Disability Eligibility Extent Denial – Deferred Discussion - Gary McCluskey – Park Ridge SD #64)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board deny the application for total and permanent disability benefits filed by Gary McCluskey.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Copper
Ayes: Copper, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 3-0

(11-06-04)(Total and Permanent Disability Eligibility Extent Denial Hearing – Tara L. Gillim – Village of South Elgin)

Tara L. Gillim appeared before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Gillim regarding her claimed medical condition. Ms. Gillim answered questions from

the Committee. The Committee also heard comments from Dr. Rao. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion, the Committee defers making recommendation regarding the application for total and permanent disability benefits filed by Tara Gillim.

Furthermore the Committee requests that Tara Gillim undergo an Independent Medical Examination (IME) to be conducted by an ENT specialist who is familiar with the treatment of Meniere's disease.

Furthermore the Committee requests that staff and the IMRF Medical Consultant review the IME report and review this matter back to the Committee if such review does not change staff's original determination.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Copper
Ayes: Copper, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 3-0

Dr. Rao left the meeting
Louis Kosiba joined the meeting

(11-06-04)(Lunch Break)

11-06-06)(Disputed Violation of the Early Retirement Incentive Statute – Joseph E. Prazen – City of Peru)

Joseph E. Prazen, his wife Diane, and his attorneys Jeffrey Baker and James Fahey, appeared before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the IMRF General Counsel. The Committee heard comments from Misters Prazen, Flahey and Baker. They answered questions from the Committee and from the IMRF Executive Director and General Counsel.

The General Counsel left the meeting.

After further discussion, including comments from the IMRF Executive Director, and review of the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff, the Committee defers making a recommendation regarding this matter.

Furthermore, the Committee requests staff to provide additional information to the Committee, including Electrical Consultant's, Ltd. Corporation documents, previous IMRF Board Final Determinations that might impact this appeal, the SURS decision mentioned during the hearing, and Federal Income Tax records.

Furthermore, that staff review these materials and refer this matter back to the Committee if such review does not change staff's original determination.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Copper
Ayes Shoop, Copper, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 3-0

The General Counsel rejoined the meeting

(11-06-07)(Supplemental Payment Corrections – Discussion)

The General Counsel presented an informational memorandum and supporting materials to the Committee regarding what staff originally felt was an error in the calculation and payment of the supplemental benefit (13th payment). Included with the materials was an alternative opinion from outside counsel reading of the statute would allow IMRF to pay the 13th payment out of the Qualified Excess Benefit Plan. This matter will be discussed further at the IMRF Board meeting on June 24, 2011.

(11-06-08)(Board Schedule H – One Report)

Robert Eastern Jr. – EAR-63300

The General Counsel presented an informational memo concerning the latest beneficiary form (IMRF form 6.11) completed by the late Mr. Eastern. Staff has determined that the death benefit be distributed, in equal shares, to the three individuals shown as the Primary Beneficiaries on this 6.11. This matter is being entered on Schedule H to provide the three individuals named as the Contingent Beneficiaries a final administrative decision and deadline, should they wish to appeal.

(11-06-09)(Adjournment)

Mr. Shoop made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Copper.

Unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday July 21, 2011.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

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