

**MEETING NO: 14-08-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, August 21, 2014. Present at the meeting were Committee members, Piechocinski, Stanish, Copper and Stulir, IMRF staff members, Janicki Clark, Dixon, Davis, O'Brien and Kosiba.

(14-01-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Stulir presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

(14-01-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on July 24, 2014.

After discussion, Mr. Stulir moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Piechocinski.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Trustee Kuehne joined the meeting

(14-01-03)(Recalculation of ECO Pension Benefit – Micheal Drea– Christian County #2989)

Mr. Drea and his attorney, James Stevens appeared via teleconference. Christian County attorney, James Bateman and a court reporter appeared in person. Andy Lasswell a reporter for the Breeze Courier also attended the meeting.

BACKGROUND

ISSUE

Recalculation of pension benefits

SCOPE OF REVIEW

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

MOTION

After further discussion, the Committee recommended to uphold the staff decision denying Mr. Drea's request to recalculate his pension benefit.

Motion: Piechocinski
Second: Copper
Ayes: Piechocinski, Kuehne, Stulir, Stanish and Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

Rockett joined the meeting

Kosiba left the meeting

(14-01-04)(Reciprocal Retirement Benefit – Julie Davinroy– St. Clair Countyee #0462)

Julie Davinroy appeared by telephone.

ISSUE

Does Ms. Davinroy meet the qualifications for eligibility for an IMRF pension benefits under Section 7-141 ?

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The Committee heard comments from Ms. Davinroy. The Committee heard the comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff and Ms. Davinroy.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Section 7-141 of the Illinois Pension Code sets forth the qualifications for IMRF disability and provides in pertinent part:

MOTION

After further discussion, the Committee recommended to defer making a decision pending loan information.

Motion: Kuehne
Second: Copper
Ayes: Kuehne, Stulir, Piechocinski, Stanish and Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

O'Brien left the meeting

(14-01-04)(Retirement Date Reversal – Levester Paul Husband Village of Park Forest County #3118)

Mr. Lester appeared before the committee via teleconference . The Committee and staff heard comments from Mr. Husband. Mr. Husband answered questions from the Committee. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff decision to deny Mr. Husband's request to reverse his retirement date.

Motion: Copper

Second: Stanish

Ayes: Kuehne, Stulir, Piechocinski, Stanish and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(14-01-05)(Surviving Spouse Benefits-Jackie Ardyce Bruns– West Aurora SD 29 #2346)

Jackie Ardyce Bruns and Vincent Leone appeared before the Committee via teleconference.

ISSUE

Is Ms. Bruns entitled to a surviving spouse benefit.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The Committee heard comments from Jackie Ardyce Bruns and Vincent Leone. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

MOTION

After discussion, the Committee recommended that the Board uphold staff's determination to deny a surviving spouse benefit.

Motion: Copper
Second: Piechocinski
Ayes: Piechocinski, Stulir, Stanis, copper, Kuehne
Nays:
Motion Passed: 5-0

Dr. Miller joined the meeting

(14-01-06)(Temporary Disability Eligibility – Shannon R. Sterrett – Grays Lake SD 127 #1604)

Shannon Sterrett and her attorney, Jennifer J. Gibson appeared before the Committee in person. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Sterrett regarding her condition. Ms. Sterrett answered questions from the Committee. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to deny Temporary disability benefits.

Motion: Piechocinski
Second: Copper
Ayes: Piechocinski, Stulir, Stanish, Kuehne and Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(14-01-07)(Action Item – Consultant Contract – Dr. Miller)

The Committee deferred making a decision regarding the contract amendment to allow the consultant to appear at hearings via video-conferencing, pending additional information and video conferencing testing to determine if this is a viable option.

(14-01-08)(Public Comments)


There were no public comments made

(14-01-09)(Adjournment)


Mr. Piechocinski made a motion to adjourn at 2:28 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Copper.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday October 23, 2014.


Chairperson

9/25/14
Date


Clerk

9/25/14
Date

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