



**MEETING NO: 15-03-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, March 19, 2015. Present at the meeting were Committee members, Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson, IMRF medical consultant, Dr. Rao and staff members, Davis, Dixon, Duncan, Hollyfield, Janicki-Clark, O'Brien and Rockett.

Absent: Trustee Kuehne

(15-03-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Piechocinski presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

(15-03-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meetings held on January 22, 2015 and February 19, 2015.

After discussion, Ms. Stanish moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Copper.

Ayes: Piechocinski, Miller and Thompson

Abstain: Copper and Stanish

Motion passed: 3-0

(15-03-03)(Hearing Officer Discussion)

General Counsel, Kathy O'Brien discussed changes to the appeal procedures to implement the hearing officer model.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the amendments to the appeal procedures as presented.

Motion: Miller

Second: Copper

Ayes: Piechocinski, Stanish, Copper, Thompson and Miller

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

O'Brien left the meeting

(15-03-04)(Total and Permanent Disability Eligibility – Brent Bettenhausen Village of Tinley Park - # 3683)



Brent Bettenhausen originally appeared before the Committee in person on December 18, 2014. The Committee heard comments from Mr. Bettenhausen regarding his conditions. Mr. Bettenhausen 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. The committee requested that staff surveillance Mr. Bettenhausen to determine his daily activities and the extent of his medical conditions. The committee deferred making a recommendation to the full IMRF Board pending the results of the surveillance report. On March 19, 2015, the surveillance footage and report was reviewed by the Committee.

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

Motion: Stanish
Second: Copper
Ayes: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

Dr. Rao left the meeting

(15-03-05)(Temporary Disability Benefits Eligibility –Barbara K. Rifken – Village of Palatine - # 0097)

Barbara K. Rifken, her witness, Gary Wait and via telephone, Dr. Kaplan appeared before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Rifken, Mr. Wait and Dr. Kaplan regarding her conditions. Ms. Rifken 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: Copper
Second: Miller
Ayes: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(15-03-06)(Temporary Disability Eligibility – Sara L. Evans – Lasalle County - #3027)

Sara Evans and her witness, Brandon Evans appeared before the Committee via in person. The Committee heard comments from Mr. and Mrs. Evans regarding her conditions. Ms. Evans 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 overturn staff's original determination to deny temporary disability benefits.

Motion: Miller
Second: Stanish
Ayes: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(15-03-07)(Temporary Disability Benefits Termination – Shari L. Tarnawa Will County-
3076)

Shari Tarnawa appeared before the Committee via telephone. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Tarnawa regarding her conditions. Ms. Tarnawa 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 terminate temporary disability benefits effective June 01, 2014.

Motion: Miller
Second: Copper
Ayes: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(15-03-08)(IMRF Disability Eligibility –Deborah Scott – Canton School District - # 1299)

Deborah Scott and her witness, James Frank appeared before the Committee via telephone. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Scott and Mr. Frank regarding Ms. Scott's resignation from her position as teacher's aide with the Canton School District.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination that Deborah Scott is not eligible to apply for IMRF disability benefits.

Motion: Stanish
Second: Miller
Ayes: Copper, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0



(15-01-09)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(15-01-10)(Adjournment)

Ms. Cooper made a motion to adjourn at 2:28p.m. Seconded by Ms. Stanish.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday April 16, 2015.

Chairperson

4-16-15

Date

Clerk

4-16-15

Date

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