



## MEETING NO: 16-12 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday December 15, 2016. Present at the meeting were Committee members Stanish, Copper, Miller, Kuehne, Thompson and Wallace and staff members, Davis, Janicki-Clark, Dixon, and Rockett. IMRF Consultants Dr. Rao and Dr. Miller were also present.

(16-12-01)(Visual roll call)

Ms. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

(16-12-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from October 27, 2016

Motion: Miller

Second: Kuehne

Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

(16-12-03)Laurie A. Rayborn-Temporary Disability- Staff denial

Laurie Rayborn appeared before the committee by telephone. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Rayborn. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee.

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board defer making a decision regarding staff's original determination to deny Ms. Rayborn temporary disability benefits and obtain additional documentation from the member.**

Motion: Miller

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

Dr. Rao left the meeting.

(16-12-04)Beth A. Walker- Temporary Disability- Staff denial

Ms. Walker appeared in person before the Committee with her attorney Robert Fisher. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Walker and Mr. Fisher. The Committee heard comments from staff and reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee:

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold the original staff determination to deny temporary disability benefits to Ms. Beth A. Walker.**

Motion: Kuehne  
Second: Wallace  
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 6-0

(16-12-05) Rosemary N. Ryba- Temporary Disability- Staff denial

Ms. Ryba appeared in person before the Committee with her attorney James Harrison. Dr. Ritu Talwar and Debra M. Simpson appeared before the Committee by phone. A court reporter was present. The Committee heard comments from staff and reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn staff's original determination to deny Ms. Ryba temporary disability benefits.**

Motion: Stanish  
Second: Kuehne  
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 6-0

(16-12-06) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing Officer

The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions from the IMRF hearing officer in two cases: Carrie McHugh (disability eligibility) and Garrett Peck (Tier eligibility for elected official). After further discussion the following recommendations were made:

**The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the written findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the Carrie McHugh case.**

Motion: Miller  
Second: Wallace  
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 6-0

**The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the written findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the Garrett Peck case.**

Motion: Kuehne  
Second: Thompson  
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish, Thompson, Kuehne and Copper  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 6-0

(16-12-07) Old Business

There was no old business discussed

(16-12-08) New Business

There was no new business discussed

(16-12-09)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(16-10-10)(Adjournment)

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 1:54 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 23, 2017.

  
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Chairperson

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