



MEETING NO: 17-11 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday November 16, 2017. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Wallace, Miller, Kuehne, Stanish and Thompson. Staff members present were: Duquette, Davis, Janicki-Clark, Shuliga, Hawkins and Rockett. IMRF medical consultant Dr. Rao and vocational expert Kathy Mueller were also present.

(17-11-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Wallace presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

(17-011-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from August 17, 2017.

Motion: Copper

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Kuehne, Wallace, Thompson, Stanish and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-11-03) Khammay Vongphakdy-Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Mr. Vongphakdy and his friend Kathleen Dice, appeared in person before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the member and Ms. Dice. The Committee heard comments from staff and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn the staff decision denying total and permanent disability records to Khammay Vongphakdy

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Thompson

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

Trustee Miller joined the meeting.

(17-11-04) George Stavropoulos- Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Mr. Stavropoulos and his wife appeared by teleconference before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the member and his wife. The Committee heard comments from staff and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold the staff decision denying total and permanent disability records to Mr. Stavropoulos

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Thompson
Ayes: Wallace, Thompson, Stanish and Kuehne
Nays: None
Abstain: Copper, Miller
Motion Passed: 4-0-2

(17-11-05) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing Officer- Matthew Winkler

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented the findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the case of Matthew Winkler. The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer. Mr. Winkler was seeking omitted service credit to use for the purpose of a reciprocal retirement with TRS.

After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer upholding the staff determination denying omitted service which are attached hereto.

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

(17-11-06) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing Officer – Geneseo Community Unit SD #228

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented the findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the case of this employer who was assessed an accelerated payment for the retirement of Deborah Hancock. The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions.

After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer upholding the staff determination denying an exemption from the accelerated payment. The findings and conclusions are attached hereto.

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

(17-11-07) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing Officer –Village of Hodgkins

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented the findings and conclusions of the hearing officer in the case of this employer who was assessed an accelerated payment

for the retirement of Jackie R. Scott. The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions.

After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer upholding the staff determination denying an exemption from the accelerated payment. The motion further provided that the governing body of the Village should be sent the findings and conclusions with a cover letter stating that the scenario presented was unique in that IMRF had not encountered this situation where an employer was making cash payments in lieu of a retirement party pursuant to an unwritten policy. The findings and conclusions are attached hereto.

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

(17-11-08) Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

(17-11-09) New Business

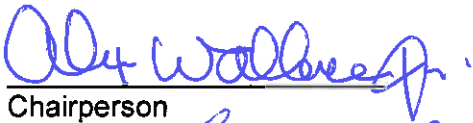
There was no new business discussed

(17-11-10)(Public Comments)

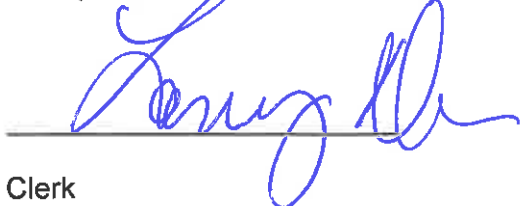
There were no public comments made

(17-08-11)(Adjournment)

Copper made a motion to adjourn at 1:13 p.m. Seconded by Thompson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote


Chairperson

12-14-17
Date


Clerk

12-14-17
Date