



MEETING NO: 19-03 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday March 21, 2019. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Wallace, Miller, Thompson and Kuehne. Staff members present were: Dixon, Rockett, Osipczuk, Shuliga, Carter, Janicki-Clark, and Davis.

(19-03-01)(Visual roll call)

Ms. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

(19-03-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from February 14, 2019.

Motion: Wallace
Second: Thompson
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Thompson, Kuehne, and Copper
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(19-03-03) Robert Hadley – Total and Permanent Disability Termination

Written materials including medical records; member, employer, and physician questionnaires; written opinions by medical, neuro-psychological, and vocational rehab consultants; and a written statement of claim from the member were provided to the committee members for review prior to the hearing. Mr. Hadley appeared in person and was accompanied his attorneys Michael Faccenda and Christopher Connors. In addition to the arguments by Mr. Hadley's attorney, the Committee heard testimony from treating physician Dr. Kenneth Kaplan via teleconference, IMRF's medical consultant Dr. Noel Rao, and Mr. Hadley.

After deliberation, the Committee recommends that the Board table this matter to allow the February 11, 2019 neuropsychological report and March 6, 2019 MRI report to be submitted to Dr. Rao and the vocational rehab consultant. The Committee will deliberate and make a final recommendation upon receipt of the supplemental reports at the May 16, 2019 Benefit Review Committee meeting.

Motion: Miller
Second: Wallace
Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Copper, Thompson, and Kuehne
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(19-03-04) Findings and Conclusion of the IMRF Hearing Officer - McLean County

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented the findings and conclusion of the IMRF Hearing Officer in the above referenced case. The Committee reviewed the recommended findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer.

After further discussion, a motion was made to recommend the adoption of the findings and conclusion of the IMRF hearing officer in the above referenced case. The recommended findings and conclusions are attached hereto.

Motion: Miller
Second: Kuehne
Ayes: Wallace, Thompson, Copper, Kuehne, and Miller
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(19-03-05) Authorization to file Interpleader action on Ernest Blevins

Associate General Counsel Shuliga sought authority from the Committee to file an interpleader action in DuPage County regarding the distribution of the Ernest Blevins death benefit.

After discussion, a motion was made to authorize staff to file an Interpleader action in DuPage County Court regarding the distribution of the Ernest Blevins death benefit.

Motion: Miller
Second: Thompson
Ayes: Wallace, Copper, Thompson, Kuehne, and Miller
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(19-03-06) RFP for Vocational Consultant

Staff advised the Committee that the results of the RFP for vocational consultant services will be on the Board meeting agenda on March 17, 2019. Staff is recommending that the bid by MMRO be approved. No action was taken.

(19-03-7) Public Comments

None

(19-03-8) Adjournment

Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 2:54 p.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

8/22/19
Chairperson

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Clerk

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Date

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