

**MEETING NO: 11-01-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 2211 York Road, Oak Brook, Illinois. Present at the meeting were Committee members Faklis, Shoop, and Rademacher; and IMRF staff members , Dixon, Seputis, O'Brien, and Raitt.

(11-01-01)(Roll call)

Ms. Rademacher presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

(11-01-02)(Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 16, 2010.

After discussion, Ms. Faklis moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Shoop.

Aye: Unanimous voice vote

(11-01-03)(Disputed Denial of IMRF Eligibility Hearing – Robert Cronholm and Lockport Township Fire Protection District)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board concur with staff's determination that Robert Cronholm is not eligible to participate in IMRF based upon the duties of his position as "Chief Administrator" for the Lockport Township Fire Protection District.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Faklis
Ayes: Faklis, Shoop
Nays: Rademacher

Motion passed: 2-1

(11-01-04)(Lunch Break)

Dr. Rao, IMRF Medical Consultant, joined the meeting

(11-01-05)(Temporary Disability Eligibility Extent Denial Hearing – Admira Begic – Union SD #46)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board deny the application for temporary disability benefits filed by Admira Begic.

Motion: Faklis
Second: Shoop
Ayes: Faklis, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 3-0

Dr. Rao left the meeting

(11-01-06)(Disputed Denial of Past Service Application Hearing – Brian Shahinian)

Trustee Rademacher advised the Committee that she was recusing herself from this hearing based on a conflict of interest.

After further discussion, the Committee defers the hearing on this matter until the next scheduled Committee meeting due to the lack of a Committee quorum.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Faklis
Ayes: Faklis, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 3-0

(11-01-07)(Board Schedule H- Kimberly Crawford)

The General Counsel presented an informational memo and supporting materials concerned an appeal from Kimberly Crawford of an Administrative Staff Determination denying her application for total and permanent disability benefits. The basis for the denial is that she terminated her IMRF-related employment in June 15, 2005. This date is prior to the date of the earliest additional diagnosis (i.e., April 2007) that might give rise to eligibility for total and permanent disability benefits. Ms. Crawford was denied total and permanent disability benefits since her temporary disability allowed for a release for sedentary work as early as February 2006, and additional disability diagnosis that might qualify for total and permanent benefits, all occurred at least twenty-two (22) months after her termination from IMRF-related employment. Counsel advised that this appeal will be acted upon by the full Board of Trustees as part of this month's Schedule H (Final Administrative Action-Denial).

(11-01-08)(Staff Discussion – Annual Report of Committee and Consultant Activities)

The Benefits Manager presented an information memo and supporting materials summarizing the 2010 activities of the Committee, Medical Consultants, and staff. He answered questions from the Committee.

11-01-09)(Adjournment)

Ms. Faklis made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Shoop.

Unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday February 24, 2011.

Chairperson

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Clerk

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