

**MEETING NO: 11-02-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 2211 York Road, Oak Brook, Illinois. Present at the meeting were Committee members Faklis, Copper, and Rademacher; and IMRF staff members, Dixon, Seputis, O'Brien, Kosiba, and Raitt.

(11-02-01)(Roll call)

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

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

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on January 27, 2011.

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

Aye: Unanimous voice vote

(11-02-03)(Disputed Denial of Request to Elect a Reversionary Beneficiary – Joseph Jolivette)

Attorneys Matthew Walsh and Stacey Campbell appeared before the Committee on behalf of Mr. Jolivette. The Committee heard comments from Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Campbell regarding staff's determination that Mr. Jolivette was not eligible to change his pension option from a regular pension to a reduced retirement with a reversionary benefit payable at his death. Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Campbell answered questions from the Committee, and the IMRF General Counsel, Kathy O'Brien. Mrs. Campbell gave Mr. Raitt medical records of Mr. Jolivette during the hearing. The Committee also heard comments from Ms. O'Brien. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff. Ms. O'Brien left the meeting prior to the Committee's deliberation and vote on this matter.

After further discussion, the Committee defers making a recommendation on this matter until such time that staff can review the medical records, provided by member's counsel during the hearing, to determine if that review changes staff's determination. Furthermore, the Committee requests that staff schedule this matter for final deliberation at the Committee's April 28, 2011 meeting.

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

Trustee Shoop joined the meeting

(11-02-04)(Resolution Regarding Definition of Overtime for SLEP Tier 2)

The IMRF General Counsel presented a resolution regarding a definition for overtime wages for SLEP Tier 2 members to the Committee. General Counsel requested the Committee to recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that they adopt the resolution as presented.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Copper
Ayes: Copper, Faklis, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 4-0

(11-02-05)(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. The Committee designated Mr. Shoop as the chairperson pro tem for this matter.

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board concur with staff's determination to deny the omitted service (actually prior service) application filed by Brian Shahinian because he was not an employee but rather a student intern.

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

Dr. Rao, IMRF Medical Consultant, joined the meeting

(11-02-06)(Lunch Break)

Mr. Kosiba left the meeting

(11-02-07)(Total and Permanent Disability Eligibility Extent Denial Hearing – Tina Sorrells – North Greene Unit District #3)

See the attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board deny the application for total and permanent disability benefits filed by Tina Sorrells.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Copper
Ayes: Faklis, Cooper, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: None
Motion passed: 4-0

Dr. Miller, IMRF Psychiatric Consultant, joined the meeting

11-02-08)(Temporary Disability Eligibility Extent Denial Hearing – Carol Post – Arlington Heights School District #25)

See the attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board approve the application for temporary disability benefits filed by Carol Post for the period from May 14, 2010 through May 31, 2011, which is the date her temporary disability benefits will be exhausted.

Motion: Shoop
Second: Faklis
Ayes: Faklis, Shoop, Rademacher
Nays: Copper
Motion passed: 3-1

11-02-09)(Adjournment)

Ms. Faklis made a motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Shoop.

Unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday April 28, 2011.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date