

**MEETING NO: 12-05-D**  
**BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, May 17, 2012. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Faklis, Stulir, and Piechocinski; and IMRF staff members, Kosiba, O'Brien, Dixon, Seputis, and Janicki Clark. Also present was IMRF Psychiatric Consultant, Dr. Miller.

(12-05-01)(Roll call)

Ms. Faklis presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

(12-05-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Supervisor presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on April 26, 2012.

**After discussion, Mr. Piechocinski moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Copper.**

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

(12-05-03)(Wabash County V. IMRF ET AL. – Review of the Final Administrative Decision Recommendation)

The General Counsel presented a memorandum setting forth the Committee's findings and conclusions made at the April 26, 2012 Committee meeting.

See attached report

**After discussion, the Committee confirmed the recommendations made at the April 26, 2012 Committee meeting. No action necessary.**

Mr. Kosiba left the meeting  
Ms. O'Brien left the meeting

(12-05-04)(Staff Discussion)(Revision of Benefit Committee Governance Manual – Phase 1 - Board Appeal Procedures)

See the attached report

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revisions to the Board Appeals Procedures as amended.**

Motion: Piechocinski  
Second: Copper  
Ayes: Copper, Piechocinski, Stulir, Faklis  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 4-0

Trustee Henry joined the meeting.

(12-05-05)(Temporary Disability Claim Hearing – Eligibility Termination – Laura Roberts – Huntley SD #158

See attached report

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to terminate temporary disability benefits for Laura Roberts effective October 31, 2011.**

Motion: Henry  
Second: Copper  
Ayes: Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, Stulir, Faklis  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 5-0

Dr. Miller left the meeting

(12-05-06)(Lunch Break)

Dr. Rao, IMRF Medical Consultant, joined the meeting

(12-05-07)(Total and Permanent Disability Claim Hearing – Extent Denial – Tammy Akers – Redhill SD #10)

See attached report

**After further discussion, Committee defers making a recommendation regarding the application for total and permanent disability benefits filed by Tammy Akers. Furthermore, the Committee requests that Tammy Akers undergo an Independent Medical Examination (IME) to be conducted by a Physical, Medicine and Rehabilitative specialist.**

**Furthermore, the Committee requests that staff and the IMRF Medical Consultant review the IME report and refer this matter back to the Committee if such review does not change staff's original determination.**

Motion: Piechocinski  
Second: Stulir  
Ayes: Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, Stulir, Fakis  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 5-0

(12-05-08)(Disputed Return to Work Hearing – Francis Wolowic – Vernon Township)

See attached report

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that Mr. Wolowic returned to work in a qualifying position from 6/1/2001 through 8/31/2011 creating a prepayment in the amount of \$142,917.71 and that such prepayment should be recovered at a rate of 20% of the recalculated pension amount provided that the monthly amount payable to Mr. Wolowic shall not be less than \$1,214.00.**

Motion: Henry  
Second: Stulir  
Ayes: Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, Stulir, Fakis  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 5-0

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that any future Surviving Spouse pension payable to Mr. Wolowic's spouse shall be recovered at 20% of the gross monthly Surviving Spouse annuity amount if any remainder of prepayment exists at the time of the member's death.**

Motion: Copper  
Second: Stulir  
Ayes: Copper, Henry, Piechocinski, Stulir, Fakis  
Nays: None  
Motion Passed: 5-0

(12-05-09)(Adjournment)

Ms. Copper made a motion to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Henry.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday June 21, 2012.

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Chairperson

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Clerk

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