

MEETING NO: 12-06-D
BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, July 26, 2012. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Henry, Stulir, and Piechocinski; IMRF Psychiatric Consultant, Dr. Miller; and IMRF staff members, Dixon, Seputis, O'Brien, and Raitt.

Absent: Trustee Faklis

(12-07-01)(Roll call)

Mrs. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

(12-07-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on June 21, 2012.

After discussion, Mrs. Henry moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Piechocinski.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

(12-07-03)(Temporary Disability Claim Hearing – Extent Denial – Hamilton Williams – Kane County)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to deny the application for temporary disability benefits filed by Hamilton Williams.

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

Beth Janicki Clark joined the meeting
Kathy O'Brien left the meeting

(12-07-04)(Temporary Disability Claim Hearing – Eligibility Termination – Connie Rowcliff – Special Education)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to terminate the temporary disability benefits of Connie Rowcliff effective January 1, 2012.

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

(12-07-05)(Lunch Break)

Dr. Miller left the meeting
Lou Kosiba joined the meeting
Kathy O'Brien joined the meeting

(12-07-06)(Disputed Denial of Surviving Spouse Hearing – Michael Moulds)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed findings and conclusions presented by Staff upholding the staff determination that Michael Moulds did not have a qualifying spouse at least one year prior to the date his IMRF participation was terminated.

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

(12-07-07)(Disputed Return to Work Determination Hearing – Thomas L. Brown and City of Carmi)

See attached report

Beth Janicki Clark left the meeting prior to the Committee's deliberation

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees overturn staff's determination due to inaccurate information provided to the member by IMRF regarding the number of hours he was eligible to work while receiving his IMRF pension.

Motion: Henry
Second: Stulir

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

(12-07-08)(Board Schedule H – One Report)

Ray Lynn Diehl – DIR-6312)

The Associate General Counsel presented an information memo and supporting materials concerning the Administrative Staff Determination denying temporary disability benefits. The basis for this denial was that she voluntarily resigned her covered IMRF position on May 2, 2012 and that she did not seek medical treatment until May 4, 2012, two days after her resignation. The Pension Code requires that a member not be separated from service to be eligible for disability benefits.

(12-07-09)(Adjournment)

Mr. Stulir made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Piechocinski.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday August 23, 2012.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date