

MEETING NO: 13-11-D

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, November 21, 2013. Present at the meeting were Committee members, Copper, Piechocinski, Kuehne, and Stulir; and IMRF staff members, Dixon, Seputis, Janicki Clark, and Raitt.

Absent: Trustees Henry and Stafford

(13-11-01)(Roll call)

Mrs. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

(13-11-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on October 24, 2013.

After discussion, Mr. Kuehne moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Stulir.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

(13-11-03)(Disputed Eligibility for Disability Benefits Hearing – Katherine Hinterlong – Grundy Kendall Regional Office of Education)

See attached report

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination that Katherine Hinterlong is not eligible to apply for IMRF disability benefits.

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

Louis Kosiba, Kathy O'Brien and John Krupa joined the meeting

(13-11-04)(Disputed Eligibility to Participate in IMRF Hearing – Dennis Gianopolus –City of Calumet City)

Dennis Gianopolus, his attorney Mike Cainkar, and City of Calumet City Authorized Agent George Vallas appeared before the Committee. Testimony of the hearing was recorded by a Court Reporter. The Committee and staff heard comments from, and asked questions of Mr. Gianopolus, Mr. Cainkar, and Mr. Vallas. The Committee heard the comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that this matter be remanded back to the administrative staff for further investigation and legal argument on the issue of Mr. Gianopolus status as an independent contractor or a common law employee of the City of Calumet City.

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

Louis Kosiba, Kathy O'Brien and John Krupa left the meeting

(13-11-05)(Lunch Break)

Drs. Miller and Rao joined the meeting

(13-11-06)(T&P Disability Extent Denial Second Hearing – Patricia Burger –McHenry County)

The Committee was unable to proceed with this hearing until an hour past the scheduled time, which resulted in the member's Court Reporter being unavailable. Due to these circumstances, and by request of the member, this hearing has been postponed until the December 19, 2013 Benefit Review Committee Meeting.

(13-10-06)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made.

(13-10-07)(Adjournment)

Mr. Piechocinski made a motion to adjourn at 2:13 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Kuehne.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday December 19, 2013.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date

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