



**MEETING NO: 15-10 D**  
**BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, October 22, 2015. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Miller, Kuehne, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson, IMRF medical consultant, Dr. Rao and IMRF staff members, Davis, Dixon, Rockett, Schiefelbein and Janicki-Clark.

(15-10-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Piechocinski presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

(15-10-02)( Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manger presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on August 27, 2015.

**After discussion, Ms. Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Miller.**

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Stanish and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: Piechocinski, Miller

Motion passed: 4-0

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on September 24, 2015.

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

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Miller, Piechocinski, and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: Stanish

Motion passed: 5-0

(15-10-03)(Erma L. Hagler/Survivng Spouse benefit for Carl Hagler )

The findings and conclusions of the hearing officer were presented to the Committee. On Motion by Trustee Miller Seconded by Trustee Kuehne, the hearing officer's findings and conclusions were accepted which upheld the staff determination. The motion passed unanimously Trustee Miller also requested that staff pursue legislation to remove the one year retroactivity limitation and to consider sending notices of death benefit by certified mail after a period of no response.

Motion: Miller

Second: Kuehne

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Miller, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson

Nays:

Motion Passed: 6-0

Dr. Rao joined the meeting

(15-10-04)( Temporary Disability Denial – Jennifer Pauley -Rockford SD 205- # 5487)

Jennifer Pauley and her witness, Kristine Beckland appeared before the Committee in person on August 27, 2015. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Pauley, Ms. Beckland, the Medical Consultant and staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff. The Committee deferred making a decision pending additional information. On October 22, 2015, the Committee reviewed additional evidence that indicated that Ms. Pauley is working in at beauty salon and does not meet IMRF's definition of temporary disability.

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's original determination to deny temporary disability benefits.**

Motion: Miller

Second: Copper

**Ayes:** Copper, Kuehne, Piechocinski, Miller, Stanish and Thompson

Nays:

Motion Passed: 6-0

Mr. Miller left the meeting

(15-10-05)(Total and Permanent Disability Denial – Brian S. Bestland – North Shore Water Reclamation District # 3273)

Brian Bestland and his witness, Nance Miller appeared before the Committee in person. The Committee heard comments from Mr. Bestland and his witness regarding his conditions. The Committee heard comments from the Medical Consultant and staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

**After further discussion the committee recommends that the Board overturn staff's determination to deny total and permanent disability benefits.**

**Motion:** Kuehne  
**Second:** Thompson  
**Ayes:** Copper, Kuehne, Piechocinski, Stanish and Thompson  
**Nays:**  
**Motion Passed:** 5-0

(15-10-06)( Temporary Disability denial –Dawn L. Lindsey – LaSalle County #3027)

Dawn Lindsey and her attorney, Robert Fisher did not appear before the Committee in person. Ms. Lindsey's attorney submitted a letter withdrawing her appeal request.

**After further discussion the committee recommends that the Board accept Ms. Lindseys's request to withdraw her appeal.**

**Motion:** Kuehne  
**Second:** Copper  
**Ayes:** Copper, Kuehne, Stanish, Piechocinski and Thompson  
**Nays:**  
**Motion Passed:** 5-0

(15-10-07)( Temporary Disability denial –Dennis V. Foley – Village of Addison #0653)

Dennis Foley did not appear before the Committee in person. Mr. Foley withdrew his appeal request.

**After further discussion the committee recommends that the Board accept Mr. Foley's request to withdraw his appeal.**

**Motion:** Stanish  
**Second:** Thompson  
**Ayes:** Copper, Kuehne, Stanish, Piechocinski and Thompson  
**Nays:**  
**Motion Passed:** 5-0

(15-10-08)(Public Comments)


There were no public comments made

(15-08-09)(Adjournment)

Ms. Copper made a motion to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Thompson.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday November 19, 2015.

  
Chairperson

11/19/15  
Date

  
Clerk

11/19/15  
Date

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