



MEETING NO: 16-08 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, August 25, 2016. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Kuehne, Wallace, Miller, and Thompson, IMRF staff members, O'Brien, Davis, Harrington, Dixon, Rockett and Hawkins. Also present was IMRF medical consultant Dr. Noel Rao.

Absent: None.

(16-08-01)(Visual roll call)

Ms. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

(16-08-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Manager presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on July 21, 2016.

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

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Trustee Stanish joined the meeting.

(16-08-03)(Katherine Hadler) Total & Permanent Disability Eligibility

Katherine Hadler and her attorney Matthew Duco appeared before the Committee via teleconference. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Hadler, her attorney, Dr. Rao, and staff regarding her conditions. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

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

Motion: Stanish

Second: Wallace

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

Nays: None

Kathy O'Brien and Trustee Wallace left the meeting. Beth Janicki Clark joined the

meeting.

(16-08-04)(Theresa Miller) Total & Permanent Disability Eligibility

Theresa Miller appeared before the Committee via video conference along with her attorney Matthew R. Davis. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Miller and her attorney as well as from IMRF staff regarding her conditions. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

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

Motion: Miller

Second: Stanish

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Miller, Stanish and Thompson

Nays: None

(16-08-05)(Kristen Lonerwright) Total & Permanent Disability Eligibility

Kristen Lonerwright appeared before the Committee in person along with family members Michelle Lonerwright and Barbara Wright. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Lonerwright and her witnesses as well as from IMRF staff regarding her conditions. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

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

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Stanish

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Miller, and Stanish

Nays: Thompson

(16-08-06)(Kelly Baar) Total & Permanent Disability Eligibility

Kelly Baar appeared before the Committee by telephone along with her witness Ben Cottone. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Baar and Mr. Cottone as well as from IMRF staff regarding her conditions. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

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

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Miller, Thompson and Stanish

Nays: None.

Trustee Wallace rejoined the meeting.

(16-08-07)(Christian Brown) Total & Permanent Disability Eligibility

Christian Brown failed to appear before the Committee by telephone, and several attempts to reach her were made. The Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

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

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Wallace

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

Nays: None

IMRF medical consultant Rachelle Miller joined the meeting

(16-08-08)(Jennifer Wilmoth) Temporary Disability Denial

Jennifer Wilmoth appeared in person before the committee along with her husband. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Wilmoth and her husband as well as from IMRF staff regarding her conditions. The Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion the committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to deny temporary disability benefits to Ms. Wilmoth.

Motion: Thompson

Second: Kuehne

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

Nays: None

(16-08-09)(Michelle Ramey) Temporary Disability Denial

Michelle Ramey appeared in person before the committee. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Ramey as well as from IMRF staff regarding her conditions. The Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion the committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's determination to deny temporary disability benefits to Ms. Ramey .

Motion: Wallace

Second: Kuehne

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

Nays: None

(16-07-10) Old Business none

(16-07-11) New Business none


(16-07-12) Public Comments none

(16-07-13) Adjournment


Motion: Miller
Second: Thompson
Ayes: Copper, Kuehne, Wallace, Miller, Stanish and Thompson
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

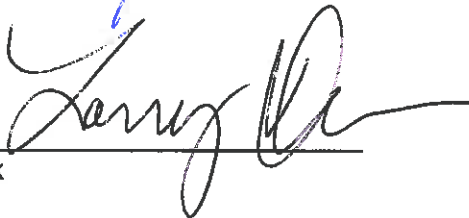
The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday December 15, 2016.




Chairperson



Date



Clerk



Date

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