



MEETING NO: 16-10 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday October 27, 2016. Present at the meeting were Committee members Stanish, Copper, Miller and Wallace and staff members, Davis, Janicki-Clark, Dixon, and Rockett
Absent: Kuehne and Thompson

(16-10-01)(Visual roll call)

Ms. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

(16-10-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from August 25, 2016

Motion: Stanish

Second: Wallace

Ayes: Miller, Wallace, Stanish and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

(16-10-03)Robert Collins- Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Robert Collins, his wife Barbara Collins, his attorney Harold Conick and his rehabilitation consultant witness Kathleen Mueller appeared before the Committee in person. The Committee heard comments from all parties present. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn staff's original determination to deny Mr. Collins total and permanent disability benefits.

Motion: Copper

Second: Wallace

Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper and Wallace

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

(16-10-04)Hillaria G. Garcia- Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Ms. Garcia appeared in person before the committee with a translator. The Committee heard comments from Ms. Garcia as translated by her translator. The Committee heard comments from staff and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board defer action on this case until Ms. Garcia is adequately informed in Spanish of the documentation needed by IMRF.

Motion: Miller
Second: Copper
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 4-0

(16-10-05) Susan Y. DeSuze Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Ms. DeSuze failed to appear before the committee after being provided adequate notice and reminders of her hearing date. The Committee reviewed the documentation submitted by staff and heard comments from staff.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold staff's original determination to deny Ms. DeSuze total and permanent disability benefits.

Motion: Stanish
Second: Miller
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 4-0

(16-10-06) Christan D. Brown Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Ms. Brown and her witness Ms. Alvarez appeared before the committee. The committee heard comments from Ms. Brown and Ms. Alvarez. There was a question regarding the dates presented on the paperwork and Ms. Brown expressed some concern that staff was still missing some documentation to support her appeal.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that this matter be deferred pending a review of the file by the member and the benefits department.

Motion: Miller
Second: Wallace
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 4-0

(16-10-07)(Hearing officer update)

The committee heard an update from the Associate General Counsel on the hearing officer cases and it was determined that no changes are necessary at this time.

(16-10-08) Old Business

There was no old business discussed

(16-10-09) New Business

There was no new business discussed

(16-10-10)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(16-10-11)(Adjournment)

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wallace.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday February 16, 2016.

Chairperson

Date

12-15-16

Clerk

Date

12-15-16