



MEETING NO: 17-02 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday February 16, 2017. Present at the meeting were Committee members Stanish, Copper, Miller, Kuehne and Wallace, Trustee Thompson was present by phone and staff members present were: Davis, Janicki-Clark, Dixon, and Hawkins. IMRF medical consultant Dr. Rao was also present.

(17-02-01)(Visual roll call)

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

(17-02-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from December 15, 2017.

Motion: Wallace

Second: Kuehne

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

(17-02-03) Findings and Conclusions of the IMRF Hearing officer (Barbara A. Moskowitz)

The Committee reviewed the findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer which upheld the staff decision to deny reinstatement of forfeited service.

Motion was made to adopt the findings and conclusions of the IMRF Hearing officer in this case.

Motion: Miller

Second: Stanish

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

(17-02-04) Lisa M. Richardson – Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Mrs. Richardson appeared in person before the committee by telephone. Her husband submitted a written statement. The Committee heard comments from Mrs. Richardson. 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 uphold the staff decision denying total and permanent disability benefits to Lisa M. Richardson.

Motion: Wallace
Second: Stanish
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper, Kuehne, Thompson and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

(17-02-05) Joseph P. Pea Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Mr. Pea appeared in person before the committee via teleconference from the Springfield office of IMRF. The Committee heard comments from Mr. Pea. 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 uphold staff's original determination to deny Mr. Pea total and permanent disability benefits.

Motion: Kuehne
Second: Wallace
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper, Thompson, Kuehne and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 6-0

Ms. Thompson left the meeting.

(17-02-06) Ernest Cavazos Total and Permanent Disability- Staff denial

Mr. Cavazos appeared before the committee by telephone. The committee heard comments from Mr. Cavazos. 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 overturn staff's original determination to deny total and permanent disability benefits to Mr. Cavazos.

Motion: Miller
Second: Kuehne
Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Copper, Kuehne and Wallace
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-02-07) Reports

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Annual Committee and Consultant Activity Report and the Benefits Department Claims and Activity Report for 2016.

(17-02-08) Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

(17-02-09) New Business

There was no new business discussed

(17-02-10)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(17-02-11)(Adjournment)

Mr. Kuehne made a motion to adjourn at 12:59 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wallace.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

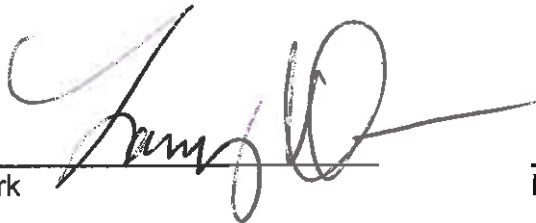
The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 23, 2017.



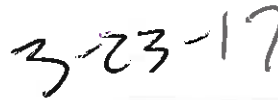
Chairperson



Date



Clerk



Date