



MEETING NO: 17-05 D BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday May 18, 2017. Present at the meeting were Committee members Stanish, Copper, Kuehne, and Thompson. Staff members present were: Davis, Janicki-Clark, Dixon, and Rockett. IMRF medical consultants Dr. Rao and Dr. Miller were also present as well as IMRF Board member Trudy Williams.

(17-05-01)(Visual roll call)

Ms. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m.

(17-05-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from March 23, 2017.

Motion: Stanish

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Kuehne, Thompson, Stanish and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 4-0

Trustee Miller joined the meeting.

(17-05-03)Findings and Conclusions of IMRF Hearing Officer

The committee reviewed the written findings and conclusions of the IMRF hearing officer in two cases: Daniela Tainer Partipilo and Becky Fedrigon.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the written findings and conclusions of the IMRF Hearing officer in the case of Daniela Tainer Partipilo which upheld the staff determination.

Motion: Stanish

Second: Kuehne

Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Kuehne, Thompson and Copper

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the written findings and conclusions of the IMRF Hearing officer in the case of Becky Fedrigon which upheld the staff determination.

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Miller, Stanish, Kuehne, Thompson and Copper

Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-05-04) George Compton/Staunton CUSD #5- Return to work

Mr. Compton and his attorney Jared Giuffre, Dennis Weedman, the Employer's attorney and the AA Trisha Steelman appeared before the Committee by phone. The Committee heard comments from all parties. The Committee heard comments from staff and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee found Public Act 99-745 could not be applied retroactively in this case and that due to the speculative nature of the information provided by the employer for a period of time in the past and the inaccurate and incomplete nature of the record keeping of the employer that it was difficult to determine the accurate number of hours worked each year by Mr. Compton and that therefore the Board overturn the staff decision regarding the return to work of George Compton.

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

(17-05-05) Hilaria G. Garcia-Total and Permanent Disability Deferral

The decision on this case was deferred from a previous committee meeting.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold the staff decision denying total and permanent disability records to Hilaria G. Garcia.

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

(17-05-06) John M. Zarr, III Temporary Disability Denial

Mr. Zarr requested that he be allowed to have an hour to discuss his case. He requested that his appeal be deferred. The committee requested that he get written documentation from his counselor supporting his need to have an hour to present his case prior to granting him an hour to hear his appeal.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board defer this matter to its August meeting.

Motion: Kuehne
Second: Stanish

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

Dr. Miller joined the meeting.

(17-05-07) Daphne Flowers- Temporary disability denial

Ms. Flowers appeared in person before the committee. The Committee heard comments from the member. The Committee heard comments from staff and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the matter be re-referred to staff for further consideration.

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

(17-05-08) Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

(17-05-09) New Business

There was no new business discussed

(17-05-10)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(17-05-11)(Adjournment)

Ms. Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 1:31 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Stanish

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote



Chairperson

8-17-17

Date



Clerk

08-17-17

Date