



**MEETING NO: 17-12 D**  
**BENEFIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday December 14, 2017. Present at the meeting were Committee members Copper, Wallace, Miller, Kuehne, and Thompson. Committee member Stanish joined the meeting at 12:25 pm. Staff members present were: Duquette, Janicki-Clark, Shuliga, Hawkins and Rockett. IMRF medical consultant Dr. Rao and psychological consultant Dr. Miller were also present.

(17-12-01)(Visual roll call)

Mr. Wallace presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

(17-12-02) Approval of the committee meeting minutes from November 17, 2017.

Motion: Kuehne

Second: Copper

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-12-03) Nichol Sharp – Temporary Disability Termination

Ms. Sharp appeared in person before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from the member. The Committee heard comments from its medical and psychological consultants, 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 terminating temporary disability benefits to Ms. Sharp.**

Motion: Copper

Second: Kuehne

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-12-04) David P. Meimers – Temporary Disability Termination

Mr. Meimers appeared in person with his attorney Harold Conick and witness, Dr. Matthew Sprong. Mr. Meimers was also accompanied by his mother, but she did not participate in the hearing. The Committee heard comments from the member, Dr. Sprong, and heard argument from Attorney Conick. The Committee also heard

comments from its medical and psychological consultants, from staff, and staff reviewed the written materials submitted to the Committee.

**After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn the staff decision terminating temporary disability benefits to Mr. Meimers.**

Motion: Copper

Second: Thompson

Ayes: Wallace, Thompson, Copper, Miller and Kuehne

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-12-05) Joseph P. Reents – Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Mr. Reents appeared with his attorney, Mary Collins. The Committee heard comments from the member and argument from Attorney Collins. The Committee also received into the record Attorney Collins' written arguments regarding the vocational expert report provided by the Committee's vocational consultant. The Committee heard comments from its medical and psychological consultants, 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 Mr. Reents.**

Motion: Miller

Second: Copper

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

(17-12-06) Elizabeth E. Costello – Total and Permanent Disability Denial

Ms. Costello appeared with her attorney, Barbara Bell. There was a misunderstanding with regard to the start time of Ms. Costello's hearing. Ms. Costello and her attorney asked the Committee to defer the hearing to a future date.

**After further discussion, a motion was made to defer the hearing on Ms. Costello's appeal of the denial of total and permanent disability benefits to a date to be determined in the future.**

Motion: Stanish

Second: Copper

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

Nays: None

Motion Passed: 6-0

(17-11-07) Update to the Board's Non-Disability Appeal Procedures

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented revisions to the Non-Disability Appeal Procedures. The Committee reviewed the proposed changes.

**After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the updated Non-Disability Appeal Procedures, which are attached hereto.**

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

(17-12-08) Review and Approve Committee Charters

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented the Benefit Review Committee Charter for annual approval. There were no recommended changes to the Charter at this time.

**After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Benefit Review Committee Charter as presented, which is attached hereto.**

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

Associate General Counsel Shuliga presented revisions to the Benefit Oversight Committee Charter for approval.

**After further discussion, a motion was made to adopt the revised Benefit Oversight Committee Charter as presented, which is attached hereto.**

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

(17-12-09) Old Business

There was no old business discussed

(17-12-10) New Business

The Committee discussed consultant contract renewal. No final action was taken.

(17-12-11)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(17-12-12)(Adjournment)

Copper made a motion to adjourn at 1:31 p.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Alfred Miller

Chairperson

2-22-18

Date

Samuel

Clerk

2-22-18

Date

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