

**MINUTES
OF
DISABILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE
November 30, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. E.T.
Board Room
Perimeter Park West, 1270 Louisville Road
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

At the meeting of the Disability Appeals Committee, held on November 30, 2015, the following members were present: Vince Lang, Chair, William Summers, Mary Hook and Donna Shelton, Proxy on behalf of Timothy Longmeyer.

In addition, those present were Becky Stephens, KRS, Liza Welch, KRS, Joseph Bowman, KRS, Alan Hurst, KRS and Tracy Chambers, Recording Secretary.

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It was moved by Ms. Hook, seconded by Mr. Summers, and carried to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 Disability Appeals Committee Meeting.

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Mr. Lang noted the necessity of closed session for the purpose of reviewing the disability applications of Administrative Action Numbers: 14-D-93, 14-D-109, 14-D-30, 14-D-81, 14-D-95, 14-D-72, 15-D-06, 14-D-43, 14-D-73, 14-D-57 and 15-D-55.

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Following discussion in closed session, the Committee returned to open session, whereafter the following transpired.

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It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Hook, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-93, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits.

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It was moved by Ms. Hook, seconded by Mr. Summers, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-109, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, as modified in the Board of Trustees Final Order, and to approve claimant's application for disability retirement benefits, with review in four years.

It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Hook, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-30, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, as modified in the Board of Trustees Final Order, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits and non-hazardous duty-related disability retirement benefits.

It was moved by Ms. Hook, seconded by Mr. Summers, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-81, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits. Mr. Bowman recused from participation because of prior involvement in this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Hook, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-95, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, as modified in the Board of Trustees Final Order, and to deny claimant's application for hazardous in-line-of-duty disability retirement benefits.

It was moved by Ms. Hook, seconded by Mr. Summers, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-72, to reject the Hearing Officer's Report to deny hazardous disability retirement benefits and to instead, issue a Board of Trustees Order, approving claimant's application for hazardous disability retirement benefits, with review in three years.

It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Hook, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 15-D-06, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits.

It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mr. Lang, and carried by a majority, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-43, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits and non-hazardous duty-related disability retirement benefits. Ms. Hook abstained.

It was moved by Ms. Hook, seconded by Mr. Summers, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-73, to accept the Hearing Officer's Report, as modified in the Board of Trustees Final Order, and to deny claimant's application for disability retirement benefits.

It was moved by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Hook, and carried unanimously, that the Committee members having considered the record, including the recommended order and any exceptions duly filed, in the case of Administrative Action Number: 14-D-57, to reject the Hearing Officer's Report to deny disability retirement benefits and to instead, issue a Board of Trustees Order, approving claimant's application for disability retirement benefits based on cumulative effect of her conditions, with a review in four years. Mr. Bowman recused from participation because of prior involvement in this matter.

The Board, having reviewed Claimant's Motion to Strike Exceptions filed by Kentucky Retirement Systems, overrule Claimant's Motion.
