

City of Cincinnati Retirement System Benefits Committee

Minutes

February 28, 2008 02:00 PM
Committee Room B

Meeting called to order: 2:02 PM

Present:

Michael Rachford, Chair
Brian Pickering, Vice Chair
Donald Beets
Michael Fehn

Staff present:

Keith Giles
John Boudinot
Cheryl Volk, Recorder

February 7, 2008 Benefits Committee Minutes

B. Pickering made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by D. Beets. Motion was carried by the committee.

PENDING BUSINESS:

○ **Appeal - Original request presented November 15, 2007**

A Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law concerning the Joseph M. Perkins appeal to purchase service credit in the Cincinnati Retirement System was submitted to the Benefits Committee for review.

The legal counsel on behalf of Michael Perkins, and in the absence of lead counsel, Ely Ryder, requested that any consideration of Mr. Perkins' matter be delayed until the next meeting of the Benefits Committee. The next business meeting of the Benefits Committee will be held March 27, 2008.

Committee Action

B. Pickering made motion to table the document until the March 27, 2008 meeting of the Benefits Committee. Motion seconded by M. Fehn and motion carried by the committee.

○ **Loan Interest Compound vs Simple**

K. Giles presented an amortization schedule as an example of compound-interest loans issued to members by the Cincinnati Retirement System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

B. Pickering made a motion to begin an Executive Session, motion seconded by M. Fehn. Motion was carried by the committee and Executive Session was called to order: 2:20 PM.

- Case #1 Disability Appeal for Smith
- Case #2 Disability Application for Queen aka Quinn

B. Pickering made motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by M. Fehn and motion was carried by the committee. Executive Session adjourned: 3:07 PM.

After members reviewed the cases, a typo discrepancy was noted in Case #2 Queen / Quinn medical documents. Clarification was requested before rendering a decision. Additionally, it was recommended that in the future, documents reflect the member's date of hire or years of service.

Recommendations:

1. Obtain clarification:
 - A. For rules of appeal and requirements for obtaining *Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law* for disability appeals.
 - B. For HIPPA requirements concerning confidentiality and the handling of medical records and reports.
 - J. Boudinot to consult with Law Department.

2. Member's disability documents should contain their date of hire or their years of service.

Committee Action

M. Fehn made motion to deny the appeal for Willie Smith. B. Pickering seconded, and the motion was carried by the committee.

M. Fehn made a motion for obtaining clarification regarding Case #2 patient's name in the medical reports. Clarification should be presented to the meeting of the Benefits Committee, March 6, 2008 prior to the committee's decision. D. Beets seconded the motion and the motion was carried by the committee.

M. Fehn made motion to adjourn, seconded by B. Pickering. Motion carried by the committee and meeting was adjourned: 3:30 PM.