

**City of Cincinnati Retirement System
Benefits Committee**

Minutes

March 26, 2008 2:00PM

Committee Room B

The Chair declared a quorum and the meeting was called to order: 2:05 PM

Present:

Michael Rachford, Chair
Michael Fehn
Donald Beets

Staff present:

Keith Giles
John Boudinot
Cheryl Volk, Recorder

Absent:

Brian Pickering

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 28, 2008 and March 6, 2008 Benefits Committee were submitted for approval. Motion made by M. Fehn, seconded by D. Beets to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was carried by the committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M. Fehn made a motion to begin an Executive Session, motion seconded by D. Beets. Motion was carried by the committee and Executive Session was called to order: 2:05 PM.

Dr. Paul Hogya, Medical Director and Dr. Roberto Madrigal, PhD, Psychologist, presented to the Benefits Committee to discuss:

1. The disability application of Melissa Queen
2. Restructuring of guidelines for disability cases

M. Fehn made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Motion was seconded by D. Beets and the motion was carried by the committee. Executive Session was adjourned: 3:05PM

PENDING BUSINESS

Disability Application for Melissa Queen

Concerns were raised about the patient's medical history. The patient's medical and psychiatric medical records were requested. Medical records, such as, test results and notes from the patient's MD, Psychiatrist and/or Psychologist will be reviewed by Drs. Hogya and Madrigal. Prescription records will also be reviewed in an effort to verify that prescribed medications were obtained by the patient.

Committee Action

M. Fehn made motion to table the disability application until further information is provided – within a thirty-day deadline. D. Beets seconded the motion and the motion was carried by the committee.

Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law – Michael Perkins

Ely Ryder, Attorney, and Michael Perkins presented to the Benefits Committee. 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.

Committee Action

D. Beets made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

M. Rachford seconded the motion and a vote followed.

D. Beets – Yes

M. Rachford – Yes

M. Fehn – No

The motion was passed by the committee.

Disability Application – Aaron Silcott

Mr. Aaron Silcott requested and received a return of his contributions from the Cincinnati Retirement System, December 19, 2007. Although Mr. Silcott was advised at that time that a refund would cancel all CRS benefits, as well as his disability application, he chose to withdraw his contributions. Therefore, the disability application is withdrawn.

OPERS Transfer Of Service Credit

On December 3, 2001, the Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS) executed a Transfer of Service Credit Agreement, commonly referred to as the Reciprocity Agreement, with the other public retirement systems in the State of Ohio, including the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The purpose of this Agreement was to allow the transfer of service credit between the CRS and other Ohio public retirement systems for active employees.

On Friday, March 28, 2008, letters will be mailed to all eligible employees, and information will be published in the City Matters.

M. Fehn moved that the meeting be adjourned. D. Beets seconded, and the motion was carried by the committee. Meeting adjourned: 3:35PM.