

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

The Medical Sub Committee meets this day at 9:30 o'clock A.M., in the Conference Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Brian Jackvony and Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz -.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairwoman Betty J. Jackson-1.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Pasquale Grieco, Ms. Carla Dowben, Mr. Edward Lynch, Kenneth Chiavarini, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department; Pension Administrator; David Peters, President, Local 799; Edward J. Maroney, Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk and Jennifer L. Emidy, Assistant Clerk.

- a. Hope Varone - Accidental Disability
- b. Donald Pease - Accidental Disability
- c. Daniel Salzillo - Accidental Disability
- d. James Gaspar - Accidental Disability
- e. Donna Lancellotti - Accidental Disability
- f. John Reddington - Accidental Disability
- g. John Choinire - Ordinary Disability

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Mr. Choinire is here this morning. We will probably hear his case first, the other ones look like they are going to be continued. I would like to go into closed session.

On motion of Chairman Jackvony, seconded by Dr. Hershkowitz it is voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-4 and Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1), by the following Roll Call Vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Jackvony: Aye.  
Vice-Chairwoman Jackson-Absent.  
Dr. Hershkowitz: Aye.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECONVENTION**

On motion of Chairman Jackvony, seconded by Dr. Hershkowitz it is voted to seal the minutes.

MR. LYNCH: Hope Varone we are waiting.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Hope Varone as far as my notes show is that we are still waiting on that third Doctor to come in. Donald Pease we have all the information, he is looking for Accidental Disability and he has been here every meeting, this is the first meeting I haven't seen him. I would assume like the others that there is a problem with notification.

MR. LYNCH: Who is his attorney?

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: I don't think he has ever come with an attorney.

MR. LYNCH: My notes say continue with attorney.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: The last thing we are waiting for....

DR. HERSHKOWITZ: We got a statement from the Doctor and he says he doesn't see his disability as an approximate result of an accident. That would be negative for him. If he wants to come.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: He has been here every meeting.

DR. HERSHKOWITZ: If you want to give him the chance to come next month.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Move to continue Mr. Pease.

MR. LYNCH: Some of the letters might have gone back to Dr. Geffroy.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: You didn't receive a call from Dr. Geffroy this morning did you?

MR. LYNCH: I spoke to his office yesterday afternoon, I spoke to Mary the secretary and she said he was aware and he received two packages. You never know he is driving from Narragansett.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: The next name on the agenda is Daniel Salzillo for Accidental Disability. As far as I can see we are waiting for Dr. Morgan for clarification. We are going to move to continue.

On motion of Chairman Jackvony, seconded by Dr. Hershkowitz it is voted to continue the foregoing matter.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: James Gaspar-Dr. Shellvoid has a report that is due and it is not in yet. I have not received it. For a lack of medical evidence I guess we will continue Mr. Gaspar.

DR. HERSHKOWITZ: Okay.

MS. DOWBEN: Is he the gentleman who was doing off duty work when he was injured.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: No, I think that was the one that was going to see Dr. Morgan, Salzillo. I think he is the one that was doing detail at a club or something. I continue Mr. Gaspar. The next thing we have is Donna Lancellotti.

MR. LYNCH: Continue, I have another appointment set up for her.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Continue Donna Lancellotti-Accidental Disability. John Reddington, like Mr. Choinire he received no notice of the meeting, and I touched base with him at 9:20 o'clock a.m. when I was walking over. He wanted to appear with his attorney and naturally he couldn't get him on a short notice. Move to continue Mr. Reddington. The last one is Mr. Choinire-Ordinary Disability and that was already heard.

MR. LYNCH: Mr. Reddington received the service and the accidental.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: I am unaware. I don't know if these are one time or...

MR. LYNCH: Batista on the Fire Department applied for service retirement and then they allow you to apply for disability.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Disability is pending.

MS. DOWBEN: He is getting an ordinary retirement.

MR. LYNCH: A regular service retirement.

MS. DOWBEN: That is crazy.

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MR. CHIAVARINI: Here is the problem there are few cases out there where they have reached the maximum age for retirement and prior to retiring they get hurt. The city's puts them out on a service pension and let them apply for accidental, if they get the accidental you make the adjustment, if you don't get the accidental you continue to get the service. You don't have to pay the 100 percent IOD for that period. These are going to be only people that can retire on service. If someone can not retire on service or they are forced to retire mandatory retirement then there is no reason to do that.

CHAIRMAN JACKVONY: Do we need to close out then.

On motion of Chairman Jackvony, seconded by Dr. Hershkowitz it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 o'clock a.m.

  
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