

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**WISCONSIN RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Thursday, December 11, 2003**

**Sheraton Madison Hotel**  
**706 John Nolen Drive**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**

**BOARD PRESENT:**

Marilyn Wigdahl, Chair  
John Brown, Vice Chair  
Ted Bauer  
Rick Gale  
Jorge Gomez  
Wayne Koessler

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**BOARD NOT PRESENT:**

Jefferson Davis, Secretary  
Barbara Ermeling

**PARTICIPATING ETF STAFF:**

Eric Stanchfield, Secretary  
Dave Stella, Executive Assistant  
Julie Reneau, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services  
Audrey Koehn, Director, Disability Programs Bureau  
Christina Licari, Board Liaison  
Sharon Walk, Board Liaison

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Charlotte Gibson, Department of Justice  
Jane Hamblen, Department of Justice

Marilyn Wigdahl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

***Motion: Mr. Brown moved approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2003, meeting as submitted by the Board Liaison. Mr. Gomez seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Gender Statistics Report.** Ms. Koehn reviewed the gender statistics report that was included in the Board packet. She noted that Shelly Schueller and Peg Narloch reviewed and analyzed two years of data regarding disability application denials. She noted that the Department has concluded that there is enough difference between the number of female and male denials to warrant further review. The Department will continue to review statistics and track possible trends and will provide a periodic summary of information to the Retirement Boards. In addition, the Department will seek out similar studies conducted in other retirement systems to determine if the Wisconsin Retirement System data findings are consistent with those of other systems.

**Medical Reports Draft Rule.** Ms. Reneau provided an update regarding the status of the medical reports draft rule language. It is expected that the draft language will be presented to the Boards at the March 2004 meetings.

**Pending Appeals Status Report.** An update on pending appeals was provided for the Board's information.

## **DISABILITY STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT**

(Included for the Board's information.) Ms. Koehn reviewed the *WRS Disability Benefit Annuity Statistical Report*. In addition to Ms. Koehn, Peg Narloch, Disability Program Policy Advisor, was available to answer questions.

## **PATRICIA LIPTON RESOLUTION**

***Motion: Mr. Bauer moved to officially adopt the resolution prepared by the Department in honor of Patricia Lipton, former director of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Mr. Koessler seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

## **MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Wigdahl announced that the Wisconsin Retirement Board would convene in closed session, pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(a) for quasi-judicial deliberations. Ms. Licari was invited to remain during the closed session.

***Motion: Mr. Koessler moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(a) for quasi-judicial deliberations. Mr. Gale seconded the motion, which passed on a roll call vote.***

***Members voting aye: T. Bauer, J. Brown, R. Gale, J. Gomez, W. Koessler, M. Wigdahl***

***Members voting nay: none***

The Wisconsin Retirement Board convened in closed session at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 2:15 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN ON BUSINESS DELIBERATED DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Wigdahl announced that the Board took the following action during the closed session:

- **Appeal 95-182-WR.** The Board adopted as its final decision its original interim decision, modified to reflect events since the interim decision was issued.
- **Appeal 2002-045-WR.** The Board adopted the hearing examiner's final decision with amendments as recommended by legal counsel.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion: Mr. Bauer moved adjournment. Mr. Koessler seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

The meeting of the Wisconsin Retirement Board adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Jefferson Davis, Secretary  
Wisconsin Retirement Board