

MINUTES

**GENERAL EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY - JULY 30, 2014 - 8:30 AM

PRESENT

Lori Helton – Chair
Larry Gordon
Kendra Woodroffe
Councilwoman Barbara Kramer

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Sugarman – Sugarman & Susskind
Martin Lebowitz – Pension Administrator
Renaldo Gayle – Asst. Pension Admin.

ABSENT

Councilwoman Frantz Pierre

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Lori Helton called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M., followed by a roll call of the Trustees by Martin Lebowitz.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

II. DISABILITY CASE – ROBERT BUDIHAS

General employee Robert Budihas has applied for disability pension benefit. Bob Sugarman briefly stated the reason for the special meeting, summed up the case and asked the trustees the following questions:

1. Did the applicant suffer an illness or injury?
2. Does the illness or injury cause the applicant a disability?
3. If the applicant is suffering from a disability, is that disability permanent?
4. Is the applicant totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the duties of a Materials Control Assistant or is the applicant wholly prevented from engaging in any occupation for wage and profit and likely to remain so disabled continuously and permanently?

All questions must be answered “yes” to award a pension.

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After a review of medical records including the report of the independent medical examiner, the trustees concluded that all questions were answered "yes". A motion by Trustee Barbara Kramer, seconded by Trustee Larry Gordon, to approve Robert Budihas' Total and Permanent Disability Retirement Income

Motion carried unanimously

The next scheduled meeting is on August 21, 2014. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Renaldo Gayle, Asst. Pension Administrator