

***City of Venice Police Officers' Pension Fund***  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**November 11, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kevin McGrath called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the City of Venice Police Pension Fund to order at 11:12 AM at the R.V.Waymire Training Facility located at 1450 Lucaya Ave. in Venice, FL. Those persons present included:

**TRUSTEES**

Kevin McGrath, Chairman  
Ernie Skinner  
Andy Leisenring  
Robert Palmieri  
Andy DeVries

**OTHERS**

Linda Runkle, Pension Resource Center  
Lee Dehner, Christiansen & Dehner  
Claimant Demitri Serianni

**DISABILITY APPLICATION OF DEMITRI SERIANNI**

Lee Dehner reviewed the disability claim procedures and disability provisions contained within the Plan. He explained that the burden of proof is upon the Claimant, and the medical record must support the claim of disability. He advised that the standard of proof is "the greater weight of the evidence". Mr. Dehner explained that the Claimant must be totally and permanently disabled, and unable to render useful and efficient service as a police officer in order to qualify for a disability pension. If the Board determines that the Claimant is disabled, then the Board must determine whether the disability was caused directly by the performance of duties as a police officer.

Mr. Dehner advised the Board that the decision regarding total disability should be based upon the evidence before the Board and not based upon the City's termination of the employee for medical reasons. He explained that the 90 day extension of time to provide an initial hearing, approved by the Board on August 12, 2015, expires on December 21, 2015. Mr. Serianni expressed disagreement with Mr. Dehner regarding the methodology for the extension of time.

Mr. Serianni explained the onset of his injury as occurring on May 9, 2013. He advised that his injury has been processed as a workers' compensation claim by the City. Mr. Serianni described his medical treatments to date and his future prognosis. Mr. Serianni summarized by concluding that he is not totally and permanently disabled, but that he is totally and permanently disabled from being a police officer.

Ernie Skinner left the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Andy DeVries made a motion to determine that Dimitri Serianni is totally and permanently disabled from rendering useful and efficient service as a police officer. The motion was seconded by Andy Leisenring, approved by the Trustees, 4-0.

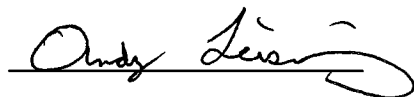
The Board discussed how to make a determination regarding whether Mr. Serianni's disability is duty related or non-duty related. The Trustees requested that an Incident Report from the Venice Police Department be obtained for inclusion in the evidence. The Board also requested that Mr. Dehner contact the Independent Medical Examination (IME) doctor, Dr. Andrew Wolff, to request whether he can establish a link between the reported injury and the disability.

Andy Leisenring made a motion to determine that the greater weight of the evidence does not establish that the injury was sustained in the line of duty. Andy DeVries seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees, 3-1 with Robert Palmieri dissenting.

Mr. Dehner explained that Mr. Serianni will have 90 days from the receipt of a signed copy of the Board's Order to request a full hearing on the issue of non-duty versus duty related disability.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andy Leisenring", written in black ink.