

PENSION BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2003
Finance Conference Room
County Building

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Pension Board of the County of Hawai'i was called to order at 1:35p.m. by Chair Beatrice Lau.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Beatrice Lau, Spike Werner and Sean Oda. Also present were Deputy Corporation Counsel Dudley Akama; Susan Tanouye, Linda Tsunoda, and Deanna Sako of the Accounts Division; and Irma Sumera, Finance Department. Absent and excused were Board members Susan Sulprizio and William Taylor, and Ex-Officio members Alan Konishi and William Takaba.

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It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Oda to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no statements from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Application for Tsuyuko Iwane, Widow of Kaoru Iwane

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Upon questioning by Mr. Werner, Ms. Tanouye responded that item no. 8 of the application was left blank because Mrs. Iwane was applying for widow's benefits and is not the retiree; that she will be receiving the exact amount her late husband was receiving as long as she doesn't remarry; that the deceased (Kaoru Iwane) was a County employee who qualified for benefits under Chapter 88, Part IV of the HRS and met all of the qualifying factors: 1) minimum age of 60 years; 2) at least 10 years of service with the County of Hawaii; 3) is ineligible for benefits under the State Retirement System; 4) is not a receipt of any pensions from the State or County; and 5) was a laborer/timekeeper for the Department of Public Works, Road Division for 10 years.

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Oda to approve the application of Tsuyuko Iwane for a widow's pension. Motion carried.

Concern and suggestion brought up by Mr. Oda and Mr. Werner was having the application redone to include space so Pension Board members may know that they are considering widow's benefits and streamlining the process so the widow doesn't have to go and borrow money in the interim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pension Board meetings for 2003 (to be held in the Finance Conference Room at 1:30 p.m.):

Tuesday, May 27, 2003
Monday, August 25, 2003
Monday, November 24, 2003

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Irma Sumera, Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED:

Beatrice Lau, Chairman