



Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island

ERSRI Board:

March 9, 2015

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RE: Public Records Request

Frank R. Benell, Jr.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Roger P. Boudreau

Michael R. Boyce

We write in response to your March 3, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA).

Mark A. Carruolo

Michael DiBiase

As an initial matter, we believe our response to your original request of February 2, 2015 addressed specifically the scope of the request. For your reference your original request is noted below along with our corresponding response of February 6, 2015:

John P. Maguire

John J. Meehan

Request:

Thomas A. Mullaney

I was appointed as Administrator to the Estate of John T. Sharkey, [REDACTED] who passed away on July 31, 2014 by the Probate Court of Cranston RI, see attached.

Claire M. Newell

Louis M. Prata

I request all death benefit information and changes for the last 2 years from July 31, 2012 to July 31, 2014 to include beneficiary nomination for primary and contingent beneficiaries, any refund of contributions, and death benefit payouts.

Jean Rondeau

Frank J. Karpinski
Executive Director

Response:

There are no documents responsive to your request for beneficiary nomination forms for the time period requested. In addition, there are no documents responsive to your request for records of any refund of contributions. Enclosed please find documents responsive to your request for death benefit payouts. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-2(A)(I)(b) confidential personal individually-identifiable information has been redacted from the records.

Addressing your current request of March 6, 2015, your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

Request:

I thank you for the quick response in February. In review, this is not all the information I expected and perhaps I was not clear nor stated correctly as the estate administrator. Documentation and information held by the State of Rhode Island is required to validate issues and claims within the Estate of John T. Sharkey.

1. *I expected and still request the file copy of the ERSRI Beneficiary Nomination Form that would list all beneficiaries (if any), "Beneficiary Type, OAP Election, and Benefit Type" or during circa 2006 a form called "Option Selection Form (Employees Retirement System for SRA, Option 1 – Joint and Survivor 100%, Option 2 – Joint & Survivor 50%, or SRA Plus - Social Security Option)". And when was the official filing last updated? In review, there was no copy of the official filing provided and perhaps the date scope was incorrect.*
2. *It is known that John Sharkey is divorced to Karen I. Anjoorian. I was seeking information if a qualified domestic relations order is in place and is exercised.*
3. *Provided is the estate's copy of the ESRI purchase and 30-Day retirement letter. I was seeking the State of Rhode Island copy to validate the Estate copy for the determination of John's retirement payment.*

I believe my request is valid and is within the original scope of the initial request filed on 2/1/2015 to document for the court beneficiary status that John Sharkey filed or perhaps did not exercise, and did not file with the State of Rhode Island. The contents of this email constituted the FOIA request.

Response No. 1:

Enclosed please find documents responsive to your request. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-2(A)(I)(b) confidential personal individually-identifiable information has been redacted from the records.

Response No. 2:

Enclosed please find documents responsive to your request. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-2(A)(I)(b) confidential personal individually-identifiable information has been redacted from the records.

Response No. 3:

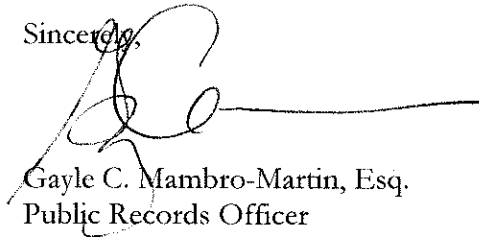
It is unclear to which document you are requesting. Enclosed are documents we believe are responsive to your request. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-2(A)(I)(b) confidential personal individually-identifiable information has been redacted from the records.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to RIGL §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Frank J. Karpinski, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, 50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment>.

Thank you for your interest in keeping government open and accountable to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Mambro-Martin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
Public Records Officer

Enclosures