

Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island

ERSRI Board:

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RE: Public Records Request

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Frank J. Karpinski Executive Director KE. Public Records Reque

We write in response to your April 8, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

Stephen Beale, a freelance reporter based in Providence, under the authority of the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act, RIGL 38-2, requests the following information:

Requested Information:

- 1. Copies of all letters sent to any state pension recipient (judicial, MERS, teachers, State Police, lawmaker, etc.) similar to the one attached, i.e. any letters notifying a recipient that his pension has been reduced or revoked for any reason, including but not limited to post-retirement employment or other circumstances.
- 2. For each of the above, if the information is not included in the letter, the following is requested:
 - a. Name
 - b. Location of employment (city, town, state department, etc.)
 - c. Amount of pension and amount revoked (all of it, or just half, etc.)
 - d. Information on current status (has the pension been reinstated, or is it still suspended)

We are unclear as to what your request is actually seeking due to the different reasons for pension suspension/revocation. As stated, we would need to undertake a file by file search of every retiree member's file to locate any correspondence relating to suspension.

However, we have enclosed documents that we believe are responsive to your request; namely, post-retirement reports identifying individuals who were working post-retirement for years 2009-2014. Kindly note that some individuals are identified as having their pension suspended for over-earnings. Additionally, we have provided a list of individuals who had pensions revoked pursuant to the Public Employee Pension Revocation and Reduction Act. Finally, enclosed is a document listing retirees who had pension suspended (or remain suspended) for over-earnings. Please advise if your request is seeking any correspondence to these individuals.

If we do not hear from you, we will deem this response to be a complete response to your request. If you would like us to undertake the search and retrieval for all correspondence (as indicated above) we will provide you with an estimate of the costs and request additional time to respond.

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,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

Public Records Officer