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Sent via email to:

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Lawrence E. Popp, Esquire

RE: Joseph D' Errico

Dear Mr. Popp:

At its meeting on August 14, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) considered the following documents on behalf of your client, Joseph D' Errico:

- a) All exhibits;
- b) The Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Solomon A. Metzger dated June 28, 2017;
- c) Exceptions<sup>1</sup>.

The Board noted the exceptions. Thereafter, the Board voted to adopt the ALJ's decision which determined that Mr. D' Errico remains totally and permanently disabled and thereby reversing the Board's decision that required that Mr. D' Errico be reinstated to his position in accordance with N.J.S.A. 43:16A-8(2). Therefore, Mr. D' Errico is entitled to collect Accidental disability retirement benefits retroactive to August 1, 2013, the date the Board directed the Division to stop his benefit. By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Retirement Bureau to implement the Board's decision.

The Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System hereby adopts the findings of fact of the Administrative Law Judge's Initial Decision and incorporates the same herein by reference.

Sincerely,

Mory Eller Rollhow

Mary Ellen Rathbun, Acting Secretary Board of Trustees Police and Firemen's Retirement System

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C: DAG Jeff Ignatowitz (ET); L. Milton (ET); V. McManus (ET); D. Mills (ET); T. Williams (ET) OAL, Attn: Library (ET); Joseph D' Errico; John Barrett, Certifying Officer, Hamilton Township

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Board granted the motion to file exceptions as if filed within time.