2. THE INCAPACITY IS LIKELY TO BE PERMANENT;

AND

3. THE MEMBER SHOULD BE RETIRED.

- (2) If the Board of Trustees grants a DROP member a special disability retirement allowance, the DROP member may elect to receive the special disability retirement allowance or continue to participate in the DROP.
- (3) (i) If a DROP member elects to receive a special disability retirement allowance instead of continuing to participate in the DROP, the DROP member shall:
- 1. submit an application to the Board of Trustees, on the form the Board of Trustees provides, to receive payment of the amount accrued in the DROP in accordance with subsection (i) of this section;
- 2. execute a written waiver of any benefits to which the DROP member may be entitled under the DROP; and
- 3. submit an application to retire with a special disability retirement allowance, on the form the Board of Trustees provides, stating the effective date of the DROP member's retirement as a special disability retiree.
- (ii) On acceptance of the application for payment and application to retire, the Board of Trustees shall commence payment of a special disability allowance to the DROP member as provided in § 29–111(c) of this article, except that the DROP member's average final compensation shall be computed as of the effective date of the DROP member's application for a special disability retirement allowance.

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- (k) (1) A DROP member is eligible to apply for an accidental disability retirement allowance under § 29–109 of this article IF <u>AFTER</u> THE DROP MEMBER IS-TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED FOR DUTY AS THE NATURAL AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED:
- (I) IN THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AT A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE DROP MEMBER; AND
- (II) AFTER THE DROP MEMBER COMMENCED PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP: