OPINION SUMMARY
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION FOUR

MICHAEL TAYLOR,	)	No. ED109142
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Appellant,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.	)	
	)	Honorable Christopher E. McGraugh
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN OF ST. LOUIS,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	FILED: July 20, 2021

Appellant Michael Taylor appeals the judgment of the circuit court affirming the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Retirement Plan of St. Louis (the "Board") denying his claim for disability benefits. Taylor argues the Board erred in denying his claim because (1) it found that mental disabilities are not compensable under section 4.19.070 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis;[1] (2) the Board's decision was not supported by substantial and competent evidence in light of evidence from Taylor's doctors and therapist; and (3) the Board's findings that he was malingering and unmotivated to work were against the overwhelming weight of the evidence.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The Board did not err in denying Taylor's claim because, contrary to Taylor's assertion, the Board did not find that mental disabilities are not compensable under section 4.19.070. Further, the Board's decision was supported by substantial and competent evidence upon the whole record.

Opinion by: Michael E. Gardner, J.
Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., P.J., and Philip M. Hess, J., concur.

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[1] All section references are to the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis (2017).