

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 5, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Members of the Committee
Russell Baldwin, Chair
Charles Packard
Frank Eley

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m. Attendance was as follows:

Present: Russell Baldwin; Charles Packard; Frank Eley, Alternate

Staff: Steve Delaney, CEO, Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Isabel Linares, Disability Investigator; David Acuna, Disability Investigator; Sonal Sharma, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 10:05a.m.

The Committee resumed to Open Session at 10:21a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DISABILITY INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

DA-1: Robert Davis

Deputy Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 03/09/2018

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 31, 2018. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-2: Jesse Oller

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Date of employer filed application for service connected and non-service connected disability retirement: 05/21/2018

Date of employee filed application for service connected and non-service connected disability retirement: 05/21/2018

Recommendation: Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-3: Claudette Oliver

Bus Operations Supervisor, Orange County Transportation Authority

Date of employer filed application for service connected and non-service connected disability retirement: 02/09/2018

Date of employee filed application for service connected and non-service connected disability retirement: 02/28/2018

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of May 28, 2017. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-4: Robert Willis

Certified Journeyman Mechanic II, Orange County Transportation Authority

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 10/20/2017

Date of employer filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 02/09/2018

Recommendation: Grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of October 20, 2017. Defer the matter of service connection for further investigation. (General Member)

Ms. Cortez made a correction to the effective date changing it to July 23, 2017, the day after the last day of regular compensation.

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-5: James E. Bento

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

Date of employer filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 09/21/2017

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 03/09/2018

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of November 10, 2017. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-6: Kelly Rehnberg
Deputy Public Guardian II, Health Care Agency
Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 11/07/2016

Recommendation: Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-7: Vincent Sardella
Instrumentation Technician II, Orange County Sanitation District
Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 07/16/2015

Recommendation: Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation to the left upper extremity.

Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity related to the right upper extremity. Since there is no incapacity related to the condition in the Applicant's right upper extremity, job causation is moot. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-8: Darrin Wheaton
Senior Social Worker, Social Services Agency
Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 05/04/2016

Recommendation: Grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 7, 2015 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

B. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2019 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

A **motion** by Mr. Eley, **seconded** by Mr. Packard, to refer this item to the full Board for review so that the Committee members who were present on January 3, 2019 could approve the minutes.

C. REVIEW OF THE DISABILITY COMMITTEE CHARTER – Informational

Ms. Jenike gave an overview of the *Disability Committee Charter*.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

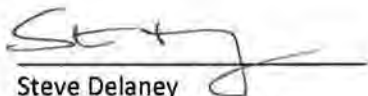
None.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

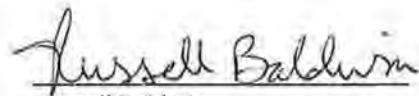
None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

Submitted by:


Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:


Russell Baldwin
Chair