

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 20, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Attendance was as follows:

Present via Zoom Video conference pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020:

Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Jeremy Vallone; Arthur Hidalgo

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Sonal Sharma, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Vallone, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-1: Angelina Cortez – MEMBER REQUESTED CONTINUANCE**

**DC-2: Susan Harkins**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 5, 2017. (General Member)

**DC-3: Mark Rodriguez**  
Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 14, 2018. (Safety Member)

**DC-4: David Talbert**  
Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of April 15, 2019. (Safety Member)

*The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:35am.*

*The Committee resumed Open Session at 9:05am.*

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**DA-2: Laura Blumberg**  
Office Specialist, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Hidalgo to refer the matter to a Hearing Officer for further analysis of the record regarding permanent incapacity and job causation.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**DA-3: John Duran**  
Bindery Technician, Registrar of Voters

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Hidalgo to deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**DA-4: Jane Martorana – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

**DA-5: Christy Watson**  
Fire Community Relations/Education Specialist, Orange County Fire Authority

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Hidalgo to deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**B. MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Hidalgo to approve the Minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

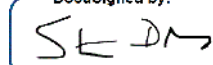
**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

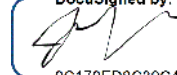
The meeting adjourned at 9:09 am.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Jeremy Vallone  
Chair