

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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.

Members of the Committee

Jeremy Vallone
Adele Tagaloa
Arthur Hidalgo

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AGENDA

This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Committee may take action on any item listed on this Agenda; however, except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the Agenda. The Committee may consider matters included on the agenda in any order, and not necessarily in the order listed.

OPEN SESSION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may comment on (1) matters not included on the agenda, provided that the matter is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; and (2) any matter appearing on the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to provide comment at this time may do so by “raising your hand” in the Zoom app, or if joining by telephone, by pressing * 9 on your telephone keypad. When addressing the Board, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

In addition, public comment on matters listed on this agenda will be taken at the time the item is addressed.

CONSENT ITEMS

DC-1: Juanita Bracamontes

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member’s failure to cooperate. (Safety Member)

DC-2: Gina Edwards

Information Processing Technician, Orange County Probation Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member’s failure to cooperate. (General Member)

DC-3: Christopher Emerson

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of the day after the last day of regular compensation. (Safety Member)

DC-4: Brent Hale

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of June 24, 2018. (General Member)

DC-5: Joseph Leos

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 17, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-6: William Leverenz

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 31, 2017. (Safety Member)

CLOSED SESSION

Government Code section 54957

Adjourn to Closed Session under Government Code section 54957 to consider member disability applications and to discuss member medical records submitted in connection therewith. The applicant may waive confidentiality and request his or her disability application to be considered in Open Session.

ACTION ITEMS:

DA-1: INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

DA-2: Jane Martorana

Senior Social Worker, Orange County Social Services Agency

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity and job causation. (General Member)

DA-3: Christina Quintero

Property Tax Technician, Orange County Treasurer Tax-Collector

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity. (General Member)

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- A. **REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
- B. **[MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20, 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING](#)**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

COUNSEL COMMENTS

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2020

9:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 27, 2020

9:00 A.M.

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 15, 2020

8:30 A.M.

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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All supporting documentation is available for public review in the retirement office during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

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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:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Jeremy Vallone
Chair