

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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 2020

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 Tagaloa, **seconded** by Hidalgo, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: STACY ANDROUS

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of May 10, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-2: ROBERT BARNARD

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 2, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-3: ANTHONY BOMMARITO

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 28, 2020. (Safety Member)

DC-4: RUSSELL CARINGER

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 30, 2018. (Safety Member)

DC-5: BRIAN HOPP

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

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-6: DOUGLAS LEONARD

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 March 15, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-7: WILLIAM LOCKHART

Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 29, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-8: UYEN L. LUU – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST

DC-9: CHRISTOPHER SHERWOOD

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of June 7, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-10: JAMES THURMAN

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 30, 2018. (General Member)

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:05am.

The Committee resumed Open Session at 8:20am.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-2: BAO VINH

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 job causation. (General Member)

MOTION by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Tagaloa to deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity and job causation. (General Member)

The motion passed **unanimously.**

B. MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

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

The motion passed **unanimously.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

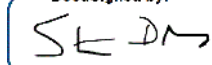
COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

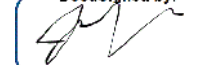
The meeting adjourned at 8:24 am.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Jeremy Vallone
Chair