

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 19, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 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:

Jeremy Vallone, Chair; Adele Tagaloa; 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; David Acuña, Disability Investigator; Sonal Sharma, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Cunningham, whose application was listed on the agenda as item DC-4, addressed the committee in regards to effective date. It was determined by the Disability Committee to move the agenda item to DA-1, to be heard in closed session.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Tagaloa, **seconded** by Hidalgo, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-4 and DC-7:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-1: MARGARITA CASTILLO**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of October 29, 2017. (General Member)

**DC-2: STEVEN CHAFE**  
Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 30, 2019. (Safety Member)

**DC-3: JAIME CLEPHAS**  
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 June 21, 2019. (Safety Member)

**DC-4: DAVID CUNNINGHAM- MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM DA-1**

**DC-5: COLLEEN FLYNN**  
Court Reporter, Orange County Superior Court

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of June 22, 2018. (General Member)

**DC-6: UYEN LUU**  
Eligibility Technician , Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to the member's failure to cooperate. (General Member)

**DC-7: JUDY TORRES- PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST**

**DC-8: CONNIE TRAN**  
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 March 27, 2020. (Safety Member)

The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:42 a.m.  
The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 8:54 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**DA-1: DAVID CUNNINGHAM**  
Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date **to be determined administratively.** (Safety Member)

**MOTION** by Tagaloa, **seconded** by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DA-2: REBECCA CONTRERAS**

Supervising Peace Officer Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department

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

**MOTION** by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Tagaloa to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DA-3: PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST**

**DA-4: LAURIE KEOGH**

Senior Computer Graphics Specialist, Orange County Public Works

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 22, 2017 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

**MOTION** by Tagaloa, **seconded** by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DA-5: PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST**

**A. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21 , 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF**

None.

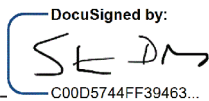
**COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

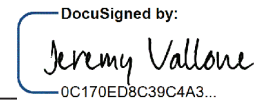
The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Jeremy Vallone  
Chair