

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

Members of the Committee

Jeremy Vallone
Adele Tagaloa
Arthur Hidalgo

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, certain provisions of the Brown Act are suspended due to a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, this meeting will be conducted by video/teleconference only. None of the locations from which the Board members will participate will be open to the public.

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<p>Topic: Disability Committee Meeting Time: Nov 16, 2020 08:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://ocers.zoom.us/j/97654014490</p> <p>Meeting ID: 976 5401 4490 Passcode: 980223</p> <p>One tap mobile +16699006833,,97055470593#,,,,,0#,,848306# US (San Jose) +13462487799,,97055470593#,,,,,0#,,848306# US (Houston)</p>	<p>Dial by your location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) <p>Meeting ID: 976 5401 4490 Passcode: 980223</p> <p>Find your local number: https://ocers.zoom.us/u/adXjy70BQn</p>

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 AND ROLL CALL

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: ERIC BURNELL

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 December 6, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-2: WALTER CARMONA

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 November 16, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-3: CYNTHIA CUIEL

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 23, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-4: KATHERINA DEGN

Investigator, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 13, 2020. (Safety Member)

DC-5: JOHN MacPHERSON

Lieutenant, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 17, 2018. (Safety Member)

DC-6: AARON SCHULTE

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 31, 2018. (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: ERMA JONES

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 29, 2019, and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

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A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

B. [MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16 , 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

December 14, 2020

9:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100

SANTA ANA, CA 92701

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2020
After the conclusion of the Board Meeting**

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

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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
November 16, 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:

Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Arthur Hidalgo; Roger Hilton

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, Staff Attorney; 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

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Hilton, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-1:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-2: STEVEN FLOREN

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 4, 2020. (Safety Member)

DC-3: KEVIN McDONALD

Senior Social Worker, Orange County Social Services Agency

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 6, 2019. (General Member)

DC-4: DEBBIE PHUNG

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of January 22, 2017. (General Member)

DC-5: WILLIAM VALDEZ

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

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

The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:35 a.m.

The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-1: PETER DACQUISTO

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 17, 2020. (Safety Member)

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-2 VANESSA HAMLIN

Social Worker II, Orange County Social Services Agency

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 16, 2018, and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: JOHN MANNING

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

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

MOTION by Hilton, seconded by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 19 , 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Hilton, seconded by Hidalgo 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 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Jeremy Vallone
Chair