

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 14, 2020  
9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Hilton called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Cammy Torres administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

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

Roger Hilton, Chair; Shawn Dewane, Vice-Chair; Shari Freidenrich, Adele Tagaloa, Charles Packard, Chris Prevatt, Arthur Hidalgo, Frank Eley, Jeremy Vallone, and Wayne Lindholm

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Jenny Sadoski, Director of Information Technology, Anthony Beltran, Visual Technician; Cammy Torres; Recording Secretary

Guests via Zoom:

Harvey Leiderman, ReedSmith

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Dewane, **seconded** by Prevatt, to approve recommendations on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

<b>BENEFITS</b>
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**C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION**

**Recommendation:** Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- Juan Flores

**ADMINISTRATION**

**C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

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**CONSENT ITEMS: DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Dewane, **seconded** by Lindholm, to approve staff’s recommendation on all of the following items on the Disability/Member Benefits Consent Agenda:

**DC-1: PETER DACQUISTO**

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

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

**DC-2: STEVEN FLOREN**

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

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

**DC-4: DEBBIE PHUNG**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

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

**DC-6: VANESSA HAMLIN**

Social Worker II, Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 16, 2018. (General Member)

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

N/A

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A-1 INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

N/A

**A-2 ELECTION OF OCERS BOARD VICE-CHAIR**

*Presentation by Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer, OCERS*

**Recommendation:** Elect a new OCERS Board Vice-Chair for calendar year 2021.

**MOTION** by Hilton, **seconded** by Prevatt to elect Mr. Eley as the OCERS Regular Board Meeting Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2021.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Each of the following informational items were presented to the Board for discussion.

**Presentations**

**I-1 OCERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION**

Congressman Lou Correa greeted the OCERS Board, congratulated and presented OCERS with its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary proclamation.

Congresswomen Katie Porter also congratulated OCERS on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and presented OCERS with a Proclamation.

Assembly member elect Steel was unable to attend the meeting but sent a “huge congratulations” via her executive assistant on OCERS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**I-2 RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY – ISSUES UPDATE**

*Presentation by Linda Robinson and Doug Storm, Co-Presidents, REAOC*

Linda Robinson and Doug Storm, REAOC co-presidents, provided their yearly update and explained the challenges faced by retirees in 2020 especially with the current pandemic. They also thanked the OCERS staff for their services on behalf of retired members.

*The Board recessed for break at 10:17 a.m.  
The Board reconvened from break at 10:31 a.m.*

Ms. Torres administered the roll call. All board members including Mr. Vallone were present.

**I-3 UPDATE ON STAFF'S PROGRESS IN RESPONSE TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DECISION IN *Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Assoc. et al., v. Alameda County Employees' Retirement Assn., et al* Presentation by Suzanne Jenike and Steve Delaney**

Ms. Jenike briefly updated the board on staff’s progress in response to the Alameda County decision. Mr. Delaney stated that staff will have a written report for the Board at the January board meeting with additional updates followed by a presentation at the February board meeting.

**I-4 COVID-19 UPDATE**

*Presentation by Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer, OCERS*

Mr. Delaney presented the COVID-19 update for the month of December. He informed the Board that while OCERS' staff continues to work remotely until the end of December, in line with current County Health Department advice emphasizing telework wherever possible, that decision is revisited by him and the Crisis Management Team (CMT) every month. Mr. Delaney further stated that he would be meeting with the CMT the following day, and in light of increasing illnesses he would not be surprised if OCERS remains teleworking at least through to the end January 2021. He also stated that he has no information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and how that will impact staff.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

None of the written reports were pulled for discussion.

**R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Written Report

Application Notices  
Death Notices

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December 14, 2020

**R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- None

**R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2021 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN**

Written Report

**R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

Written Report

**R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Report

**R-6 2021 OCERS BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Written Report

**R-7 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – STATUS OF COMMITTEE’S REVIEW OF CHARTERS AND BOARD POLICIES IN 2020**

Written Report

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 10:36 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**E-1 CONFERENCE REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (ONE MATTER) (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9)**

Adjourn pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)

**Recommendation:** Take appropriate action.

**OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:37 a.m.

Mr. Hilton reported that there was no reportable action taken by the Board in Closed Session.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Hilton thanked the Board and staff for a great year serving as the 2020 OCERS Chair.

Mr. Eley, Mr. Dewane and Ms. Freidenrich thanked Chair Hilton on a job well done serving as OCERS' 2020 Chair.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Delaney informed the Board of the upcoming RFP that will come to the Board in January in extending the Reed Smith contract.

Steve also informed the Board on the new “Happy 100 Birthday” project that OCERS will implement this month. On behalf of the OCERS Board Chair and CEO Delaney, each retired member who will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will receive a gift.

**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

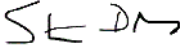
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Chair Hilton adjourned in memory of the active members, retired members, and surviving spouses who passed away during the past month. The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 11:48 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Secretary to the Board

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