

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE100
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 19, 2021

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 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; Charles Packard; Roger Hilton

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 Packard to approve staff's recommendation.

ALTERNATE MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Hilton, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-10.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: CHRISTINE ALFORD

Attorney IV, Orange County Public Defender's Office (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as November 23, 2018.

DC-2: VICTOR CURIEL

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 15, 2019.

DC-3: DANIEL DESLAURIERS

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as December 18, 2009.

DC-4: DEWAYNE FOWLKES

Weapons Instructor, Orange County Sheriff's Department (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as June 5, 2020.

DC-5: NOEMI GONZALEZ

Senior Administrative Analyst/Officer, Orange County Superior Court (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 29, 2019.

DC-6: JOHN HAMILTON

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as September 28, 2018.

DC-7: ISELA NAVARRO-SANDOVAL

Warehouse Worker IV, Orange County Sheriff's Department (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as December 21, 2018.

- Require the member to undergo the reexamination process in two years' time per Government Code Section 31729.

DC-8: MARK NORTHART

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as September 27, 2019

DC-9: JACK SONGER

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 13, 2020.

DC-10: KERI STUFF – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DC-11: ROBERT SWANSON

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as April 10, 2020.

DC-12: RODOLFO TOBIAS

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 16, 2020.

DC-13: KENDALL WHALEY

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 17, 2020.

DC-14: MATTHEW WHITE

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 3, 2020.

The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:43 a.m.

The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 8:59 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-2: PERRY FRESE

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

MOTION by Hilton, **seconded** by Packard to send the application back to staff to for a second opinion.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: MINEA GRACIA – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DA-4: EDNA HERNANDEZ

Coach Operator Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 19, 2018.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-5: ROBERT SZEWCZYK – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

B. MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 15, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Hilton to approve the Minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF

None.

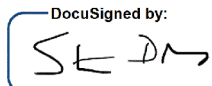
COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa
Chair