

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

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

**Members of the Committee**

Adele Tagaloa, Chair  
Charles Packard  
Jeremy Vallone

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## **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 Committee; 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 Committee, 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**

All matters on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one action unless a Committee member requests separate action on a specific item.

#### **DC-1: MICHAEL BLAWN**

Battalion Chief, 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 March 30, 2020.

#### **DC-2: WILLIAM DANCER**

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 December 24, 2017.

**DC-3: ALBERT DASHER**

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 August 16, 2019.

**DC-4: GERMAINE DELGADO**

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:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-5: JOSHUA DIETRICH**

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 August 14, 2020.

**DC-6: CANDICE FORD**

Social Worker II, Orange County Social Services Agency (General Member)

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

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-7: 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:

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

**DC-8: PAUL DONOVAN GEORGE**

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 March 26, 2021.

**DC-9: RICHARD GRAF**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation 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 June 11, 2017.

**DC-10: PETER HAMBORG**

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 February 28, 2020.

**DC-11: FERNANDO HERRERA**

Facilities Worker/Builder, Orange County Sanitation District (General Member)

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

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-12: GARY KING**

Service Worker, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

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

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-13: RONALD REED**

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 September 15 2020.

**DC-14: KERI STUFF**

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:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-15: JUDY TORRES**

Office Assistant, Orange County Child Support Services (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 August 16, 2019.

**DC-16 : JAMES WARNER**

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:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as the first day after the last date of regular compensation.

**DC-17 : WARREN WEBER**

Public Assistance Investigator, Orange County District Attorney's Office (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 January 29, 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Government Code section 54957**

Adjourn to Closed Session under Government Code section 54957 to consider disability applications and to discuss member medical records submitted in connection therewith. The member 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: DEBORAH KANG**

Legal Secretary, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety 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 October 11, 2019.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

**OPEN SESSION**

- A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
- B. **MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

**NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**July 19, 2021  
9:30 A.M.**

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 28, 2021  
9:30 A.M.**

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 16, 2021  
8:30 a.m.**

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**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 21, 2021**

**8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 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-Beeson, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Packard, **seconded** by Hilton, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-1: JEFFREY CARLSON**

Fire Pilot, 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 August 30, 2019.

**DC-2: GERMAINE DELGADO – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST**

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

**DC-3: MICHAEL DUDA**

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-4: KRISTIN EITNER**

Senior Social Worker, Orange County Social Services Agency (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 July 3, 2020.

**DC-5: AUGUSTINE ESTRADA**

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:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-6: CANDICE FORD – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

Social Worker II, Orange County Social Services Agency (General Member)

**DC-7: CASEY GONZALES – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

Operations and Maintenance, Orange County Sanitation District (General Member)

**DC-8: MICHAEL HURST**

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:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as September 13, 2019.

**DC-9: ERICK IVANCIC**

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:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 14, 2020.

**DC-10: DYLAN KENNEDY**

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:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as February 26, 2021.

**DC-11: MICHAEL PARTEE**

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 July 17, 2020.

**DC-12: SONJA POWELL**

Fire Prevention Specialist, Orange County Fire 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 August 21, 2020.

**DC-13: TIANA VANESSA TOVAR**

Group Counselor I, Orange County Social Services Agency (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 19, 2020, the day following the last day of regular compensation as a Group Counselor I.
- Find the applicant is capable of performing other duties in the service of the County of Orange, pursuant to Government Code Section 31725.65.
- Grant a supplemental disability retirement payment allowance in the amount of the salary difference between the higher and lower paying positions, effective the same date as above.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**DA-2: MARY HELEN GOMEZ – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

Office Manager, Orange County IHSS Public Authority (General Member)

**B. MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION** by Hilton, **seconded** by Packard 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 8:46 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

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Adele Tagaloa  
Chair