

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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2021

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:34 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; Jeremy Vallone

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; David Acuna, Disability Investigator; Sonal Sharma-Beeson, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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 – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

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 – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

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 (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 January 29, 2021.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:42am.

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 8:59am.

ACTION ITEMS

DA-2: DEBORAH KANG

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

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

B. MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

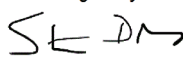
COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa
Chair