

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 16, 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; 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; Isabel Linares, Disability Investigator; Sonal Sharma-Beeson, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of DC-1 and DC-4:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-1: EDWARD CORTEZ – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

**DC-2: GEOFFREY DALY**

Environmental Specialist, Orange County Sanitation District (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 July 19, 2019.

**DC-3: CASEY GONZALES**

Operations and Maintenance, 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-4: SABRINA HOLT-TORRES – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

**DC-5: JOHN MURRAY**

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 7, 2018.

**DC-6: JAY MYERS**

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 July 5, 2019.

**DC-7: RACHAEL RAMOS**

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 10, 2017.

**DC-8: LAURA SCHUMANN**

Office Technician, 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 16, 2020.

*The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:45am.*

*The Committee resumed into Open Session at 8:53am.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **DA-2: CHRISTOPHER BROWN**

Communications Coordinator II, 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 August 5, 2020.
- 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**.

### **DA-3: MINH TAM LUONG**

Senior Public Health Nurse, Orange County Health Care Agency (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 April 26, 2019.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

### **DA-4: MONICA RANGEL-SANTOS – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.**

### **DA-5: ROBERT SZEWCZYK**

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 and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.
- Deny the application as it was untimely filed per Government Code Section 31722.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**B. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 19, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Cortez confirmed that, although the OCERS Board Meeting will not take place in September, the Disability Committee Meeting will still take place on September 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

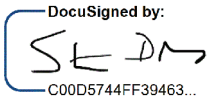
**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa  
Chair