

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

Members of the Committee

Adele Tagaloa, Chair
Chuck 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: EDWARD CORTEZ

Journeyman, 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 June 21, 2020.

DC-2: WILLIAM FITZGERALD

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 February 22, 2021.

DC-3: SABRINA HOLT-TORRES

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 9, 2018.

DC-4: MICHELLE JACKSON

Coach Operator, 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-5: JOCELYN LEYVA

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-6: IBETT QUINONES

Eligibility 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 non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 30, 2019.

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: TODD HART

Administrative Manager II, 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 non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as May 10, 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 MARCH 21, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

COUNSEL COMMENTS

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2022

9:30 A.M.

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2022

8:30 A.M.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 25, 2022

9:30 A.M.

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 2022

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered roll call.

Attendance was as follows:

Present via Zoom Video conference pursuant to Government Code § 54953, as amended by AB 361:

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; Brittany Cleberg, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician; Marielle Horst, Executive Secretary

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, excluding item DC-3 which was pulled by the applicant:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: STEVEN BADEN

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 per Government Code Section 31720.6.
- Set the effective date as the day after the last day of regular compensation.

DC-2: GEORGE CASARIO

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 December 18, 2020.

DC-3: YVETTE CLANTON-PULLED BY THE APPLICANT

Coach Operator, 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 due to the member's failure to cooperate.

DC-4: DONNA CORRAL

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 October 9, 2020.

DC-5: MELISSA GUTIERREZ-KAUFMAN

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 22, 2019.

DC-6: JASON HALL

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 the day after the last day of regular compensation.

DC-7: ROSEMARY HARVEY

Coach Operator, 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 due without prejudice due to member's failure to cooperate.

DC-8: KIPP LYONS

Community Services Coordinator, City of San Juan Capistrano (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 due without prejudice due to member's failure to cooperate.

DC-9: AMY LINDQUIST

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 the day after the last day of regular compensation.

DC-10: ALEJANDRO SILVA

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 per Government Code Section 31720.5.
- Set the effective date as the day after the last day of regular compensation.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:40 a.m.

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 9:02 a.m.

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

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

N/A

DA-2: SANDRA CHAIBUN

Employment and Eligibility Specialist, 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 due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone, to approve staff's recommendation on item DA-2:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: JASON FINLEY

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 non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 22, 2021.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

This item was ***pulled*** from the agenda.

DA-4: AMELIA HEDGES

Legal Processing Specialist, Orange County Superior Court (General 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 job causation.

MOTION by Tagaloa, **seconded** by Packard, to approve staff's recommendation on item DA-4:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

B. MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Vallone, **seconded** by Packard, to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022 Disability Committee Meeting.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

N/A

COUNSEL COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney

Adele Tagaloa