

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 12, 2022  
8:30 a.m.**

**Members of the Committee**

Adele Tagaloa, Chair  
Shawn Dewane  
Jeremy Vallone

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, signed into law on September 16, 2021 as urgency legislation; Governor Newsom’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, which Proclamation is still in effect; and Board of Retirement Resolution 2022-11, this meeting will be conducted by video/teleconference, in compliance with Government Code section 54953 as amended by Assembly Bill 361. In addition, members of the Committee and the public are welcome to participate in the meeting via Zoom or from the OCERS Boardroom located at 2223 E. Wellington Ave., Santa Ana, CA. However, none of the other locations from which the Committee members participate by teleconference will be open to the public.

Members of the public who wish to observe and/or participate in the meeting may do so (1) from the OCERS Boardroom or (2) via the Zoom app or telephone from any location. Members of the public who wish to provide comment during the meeting may do so by “raising your hand” in the Zoom app, or if joining by telephone, by pressing \* 9 on your telephone keypad. Members of the public who participate in the meeting from the OCERS Boardroom and who wish to provide comment during the meeting may do so from the podium located in the OCERS Boardroom.

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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: JANNIE BAUTISTA**

**Information Processing Technician, Orange County Health Care 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-2: AMIJO CHIPPARI**

**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:

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

**DC-3: BILL D. CROW**  
**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 per Government Code Section 31720.5.
- Set the effective date as February 17, 2022.

**DC-4: JOEL CUNNINGHAM**  
**Sheriff's Special Officer, Orange County Sheriff's Department (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: ANTHONY DUCHI**  
**Fire Captain, 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 11, 2022.

**DC-6: AUGUSTINE C. 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:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as April 12, 2022.

**DC-7: TRACY J. HARRIS**  
**Captain, 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-8: KENNETH KROPIDLOWSKI**  
**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, without prejudice, due to the member's failure to cooperate.

**DC-9: WENDY NORWOOD**  
**Fire Captain/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 25, 2022.

**DC-10: STEPHEN J. STEWART**  
**Fire Captain/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 25, 2022.

**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:**

**NOTE:** Public comment on matters listed in this agenda will be taken at the time the item is addressed, prior to the Committee's discussion of the item. **Persons attending the meeting in person and wishing to provide comment on a matter listed on the agenda should fill out a speaker card located at the back of the Boardroom and deposit it in the Recording Secretary's box located near the back counter.**

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

**DA-2: JERRY BRENEMAN**  
**Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority (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 and job causation

**OPEN SESSION**

**A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**B. [MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14, 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**

**January 17, 2023  
9:30 A.M.**

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 22, 2023  
9:30 A.M.**

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**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 17, 2023  
8:30 A.M.**

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attendee or participant at this meeting, you will need any special assistance beyond that normally provided, OCERS will attempt to accommodate your needs in a reasonable manner. Please contact OCERS via email at [adminsupport@ocers.org](mailto:adminsupport@ocers.org) or call 714-558-6200 as soon as possible prior to the

meeting to tell us about your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible. We would appreciate at least 48 hours' notice, if possible.

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**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 14, 2022  
8:30 a.m.  
MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

Chair called the meeting to order at 8:31 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: Jeremy Vallone

Also Present: Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Shawne Dewane; Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Brittany Brayboy, Disability Retirement Investigator; Cesar Rodriguez, Disability Retirement Investigator; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician; Bill Singleton, Paralegal, Ayanna McGiffert, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Dewane, **SECONDED** by Vallone, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-1: JAMES GABBARD  
Fire Captain, 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 2, 2021.

**DC-2: KEVIN LA PYRNE**  
**Captain, 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 11, 2022.

**DC-3: ALEXANDER LOPEZ**  
**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 June 4, 2021.

**DC-4: STEPHEN MAHER**  
**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 date of regular compensation.

**DC-5: JUAN OSORIO**  
**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 September 23, 2022.

**DC-6: TODD PERRIN**  
**Fire Captain, 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 25, 2022.

**DC-7: MARK STICHTER**  
**Commander, 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 January 14, 2022.

**DC-8: JOHN TIMOTI**  
**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 January 28, 2022.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*The Committee did not adjourn to Closed Session. There was no discussion.*

**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.

**MOTION** by Dewane, **SECONDED** by Vallone to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed **unanimously**.

**A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reportable action.

**B. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

**MOTION** by Dewane, **SECONDED** by Vallone to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed **unanimously**.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

N/A

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Jenike introduced new Disability staff members, Brittany Brayboy and Cesar Rodriguez to the Committee.

**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Steve Delaney

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Adele Tagaloa