

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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 17, 2023

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered roll call.

Attendance was as follows: Richard Oates, Chair; Roger Hilton (via zoom), Charles Packard

Also in Attendance: 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; Marielle Horst, Recording Secretary

Absent: Jeremy Vallone (Alternate)

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: MICHAEL BAKER

Heavy Equipment Technician II, 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 May 6, 2022.

DC-2: ROBERT BIALOBRESKI

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 May 3, 2022.

DC-3: KENNETH BLOCK

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 non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as June 5, 2020.

DC-4: JUANITA BRACAMONTES

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 February 12, 2021.
- 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 pay allowance effective March 12, 2021.

DC-5: GARRETT DEGIORGIO

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-6: MIRNA ELVIR

Office Specialist, Orange County Community Resources (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,

because the member has opted not to join in on the employer filed application.

DC-7: CHRISTOPHER ESPOSITO
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 25, 2022.

DC-8: ANTHONY MILLER
Sheriff Deputy 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 day after last day of compensation.

DC-9: PEDRO PEREZ-ESTRADA
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 March 25, 2022.

DC-10: GREGORY RISKO
Investigator, 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-11: STEVEN WELCH
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.

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: RICHARD CHAPPELL – CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING Construction Inspection Supervisor, Orange County Sanitation District (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 permanent incapacity.

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

N/A

B. DISABILITY COMMITTEE CHARTER

Recommendation: Review the Charter.

There was no reportable action.

C. MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Packard, **SECONDED** by Hilton to approve the December 12, 2022 Disability Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed **unanimously**.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Delaney informed the Committee that he would be presenting an item to the Board a recommendation to delegate to the OCERS CEO the responsibility to fully develop Disability Benefit grant recommendations.

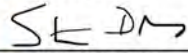
COUNSEL COMMENTS

N/A

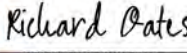
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney

Approved by:

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Richard Oates