

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
9:30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Dewane called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present in Person: Shawn Dewane, Chair; Adele Tagaloa, Vice Chair; Charles Packard, Chris Prevatt, Arthur Hidalgo, Richard Oates, Roger Hilton, Chris Prevatt

Present via Zoom (under Government Code Section 54953(f)): None

Also Present: Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Molly Murphy, Chief Investments Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Manuel Serpa, Deputy General Counsel; David Kim, Director of Internal Audit; Tracy Bowman, Director of Finance; Jeff Lamberson, Director of Member Services; Silviu Ardeleanu, Director of Member Services; Cynthia Hockless, Director of Human Resources; Will Tsao, Director of Enterprise Project Management Office; Fong Tse, Operations Manager; Javier Lara, Audio-Visual Technician; Carolyn Nih, Recording Secretary

Guests: Harvey Leiderman and Maytak China, ReedSmith, Todd Tauzer and Molly Calcagno, Segal

Absent: Jeremy Vallone, Wayne Lindholm, Shari Freidenrich

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**BENEFITS**

**C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION**

**Recommendation:** Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- Wainwright, Shannon
- Kahala, Jeremy

- Gomez-Cervantes, Nicole

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>
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**C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

**C-3 OUTCOMES FROM THE DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2023**

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends the Board adopt the following:

1. The **Disability Committee Charter** with revisions approved by the Committee
2. The **Administrative Review and Hearing Policy** with revisions approved by the Committee
3. The **Disability Application Review Process OAP** with revisions approved by the Committee
4. The new **OCERS Administrative Procedure OAP - Disability Retirement Presumptions**

**C-4 RETIREE REQUEST TO BE REINSTATED – ELENI SAVVAIDES**

**Recommendation:** Reinstate Ms. Savvaides as an active member under the provisions of Government Code Section 31680.4 and 31680.5

**MOTION** by Mr. Packard, **SECONDED** by Mr. Hilton, to approve the Consent Agenda items, C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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**DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**DC-1: ALDENISE BELCER -- PULLED**

Office Specialist, Orange County Child Support Services (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

**DC-2: STEVEN BURKLEY**  
Sheriff's Special Officer II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 7, 2017.

**DC-3: DENNIS GOMEZ**  
Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 11, 2022.

**DC-4: PARIET HERNANDEZ -- PULLED**  
Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity or job causation.

**DC-5: SHELLY HOWAR -- PULLED**  
Staff Specialist, Orange County Child Support Services (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Deny service and non-service connect disability retirement, without prejudice, because the member has opted not to join in the employer filed application.

**DC-6: JULIA JARRIN**  
Physical Therapist II, Orange County Health Care Agency (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as October 22, 2021.

**DC-7: WILLIAM JUREWICH**  
Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as January 2, 2023.

**DC-8: LISA PEDROZA-- PULLED**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Deny service connected disability retirement based on insufficient evidence of job causation.

**DC-9: JONATHAN TIPTON**

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as day after last day of regular compensation.

**DC-10: SILVIA VEGA**

Office Assistant, Orange County Health Care Agency (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as day after last day of regular compensation.

DC-1, DC-4, DC-5, and DA-8, were pulled for continuation to a future meeting.

**MOTION** by Mr. Packard, **SECONDED** by Ms. Tagaloa, to approve items, DC-2, DC-3, DC-6, DC-7, DC-9, and DC-10 on the Disability Consent Agenda.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Each of the following informational items will be presented to the Board for discussion.

**Presentations**

**I-1 PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 31, 2022 ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

*Presentation by Todd Tauzer and Molly Calcagno, Segal*

*The Board recessed for break at 10:43 a.m.*

*The Board reconvened from break at 11:06 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.*

*Adjourn to closed session at 11:08 a.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**E-1 CONFERENCE REGARDING LITIGATION THAT HAS BEEN INITIATED  
(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1))**

Adjourn pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1).

*James B. Morell v. Board of Retirement, OCERS*; Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 22STCP02345

**DA-2 MONICA RANGEL-SANTOS**

Eligibility Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve and adopt the findings and recommendations of the Hearing Officer as set forth in the Summary of Evidence, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations (Modified), dated March 1, 2023 (“Modified Recommendation”), wherein the Hearing Officer recommends that the Board find the Applicant, Monica Rangel-Santos, is not permanently incapacitated from the substantial performance of her usual and customary duties. If the Board finds the Applicant is not permanently incapacitated, then the Alternative Recommendations (defined herein) are unnecessary, and the application for service and non-service connected disability retirement benefits must be denied under Government Code §§31720 and 31724.

**DA-3 ROBERT PETERSON**

Undersheriff, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed settlement reached between OCERS and Applicant, Robert Peterson, pursuant to Rule 3(f) of the OCERS Administrative Review and Hearing Policy and grant Mr. Peterson’s Application for service connected disability retirement benefits.

**OPEN SESSION**

*Return to open session at 11:33 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance. Mr. Prevatt left the board meeting during the closed session prior to DA-2 and DA-3.*

**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-** No reportable actions were taken regarding E-1. Regarding DA-2 and DA-3, Board voted unanimously of those in attendance to adopt staff recommendations

*The Board recessed for lunch at 11:37 a.m.*

*The Board reconvened from lunch at 11:41 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.*

**CEO/Staff COMMENTS-** Ms. Suzanne Jenike gave an update on the Alameda Implementation project related to the County Board of Supervisors Resolution of December 2022. Specifically, regarding the on-call hours earned by employees in the Special Assignment grade within the District Attorney Investigator unit. OCERS

Board Policies were reviewed alongside with documentation from the employers and payroll. OCERS determined that the pay received for on-call hours served by the members in this Special Assignment grade should count towards pensionable retirement allowances. Recalculations for members will be done and OCERS should expect to see on-call hours as part of the information received from employers.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Written Report

Application Notices  
Death Notices

May 17, 2023  
May 17, 2023

**R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- None

**R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2023 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN**

Written Report

**R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

Written Report

**R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Report

**R-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Written Report

**R-7 FIRST QUARTER 2023 BUDGET VS. ACTUALS REPORT**

Written Report

**R-8 FIRST QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Written Report

**R-9 INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM (2022)**

Written Report

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Presentations**

**I-2 ANNUAL FIDUCIARY TRAINING**

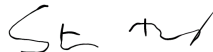
*Presentation by Harvey Leiderman and Maytak Chin, ReedSmith*

**COUNSEL COMMENTS-** None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS –** None

Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:39pm in memory of active members, retired members, and surviving spouses who passed away this passed month.

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

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Shawn Dewane  
Chairman