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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING August 7, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Committee

Roger Hilton, Chair Frank Eley, Vice Chair

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. Attendance was as follows:

Present:

Roger Hilton, Chair; Frank Eley, Vice Chair;

Staff:

Steve Delaney, CEO, Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Megan Cortez, Disability Coordinator; Sonal Sharma, Recording

Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 10:03a.m.

The Committee resumed to Open Session at 10:40a,m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DISABILITY CONSENT APPLICATIONS

DC-1: Laura Blumberg – Pulled per member's request.

DC-2: Aaron Phelps

Group Counselor I, Orange County Social Services Agency

Date of employer filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 03/17/2016

<u>Recommendation:</u> Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate. (General Member)

DC-3: Keith Wayne

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 11/14/2016

Recommendation: Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation on all consent items.

DISABILITY INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

DA-4: INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

DA-5: Daniel Chavez

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 07/05/2017

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 5, 2017. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-6: Kirby Roucher

Deputy Sheriff I, Sheriff-Coroner Department

Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 07/07/2017

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 7, 2017. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-7: Glen Johnson – Pulled per member's request.

DA-8: Christopher Roelle

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service*connected disability retirement: 11/14/2016

<u>Recommendation:</u> Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 2, 2016. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-9: Richard Van Auken

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

Date of employee filed application for service-connected disability retirement: 07/18/2017

Date of entry to OCERS: 05/16/1980

<u>Recommendation:</u> Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 1, 2018. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-10: Michael Tivenan – Pulled per member's request.

DA-11: Kimberly Cormany

Senior Health, Safety & Environmental Compliance Specialist, Orange County Transportation Authority

Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 03/17/2017

<u>Recommendation:</u> Grant non service-connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 17, 2017 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation regarding non-service connected disability retirement and deferred the application for service connected disability retirement to a subsequent meeting.

DA-12: Harsimran Dhaliwal

Service Worker I, Orange County Transportation Authority

Date of employee filed application for service connected disability retirement: 12/12/2016

<u>Recommendation:</u> Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-13: Jennifer Daugherty

Paralegal, Orange County Public Defender's Office

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 01/12/2017

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 16, 2016. (General Member)

Jane Oatman, Attorney, addressed Ms. Daugherty's case.

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-14: Patricia Kovars

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Marriage Family Therapist II, Health Care Agency

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 11/15/2017

<u>Recommendation:</u> Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of November 24, 2017. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-15: Amalia Netto

Eligibility Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency

Date of employer filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 05/18/2015

Date of employee filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 05/20/2016

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of January 2, 2009, the day following the last day of regular compensation as an Eligibility Technician. 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 disability retirement payment allowance in the amount of the salary difference between the higher and lower paying positions effective January 2, 2009, the date of the position change until February 18, 2016 the last day of compensation for the new position. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-16: Dawn Hernandez

Deputy Public Administrator II, Orange County District Attorney's Office

Date of employer filed application for service and non-service connected disability retirement: 01/14/2016

Date of employee filed application for non-service connected disability retirement: 02/19/2016

<u>Recommendation:</u> Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 19, 2016. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-17: Daniel Quintana

Laborer, Orange County Waste and Recycling

Date of employer filed application for non-service connected disability retirement:

12/07/2017

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Date of employee filed application for non-service connected disability retirement: 06/04/2018

Recommendation: Grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 7, 2017. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

B. JULY 3, 2018 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Eley to approve the minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

Submitted by:

Steve Delaney

Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

Roger Hilton

Chair