

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Members of the Committee
Russell Baldwin, Chair
Jeremy Vallone, Vice Chair
Wayne Lindholm
Frank Eley, Alternate

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Vallone, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09a.m. Attendance was as follows:

Present: Jeremy Vallone, Wayne Lindholm, and Frank Eley

Staff: Steve Delaney, CEO; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Dawn Matsuo, Staff Attorney; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Nichol Forbes, Recording Secretary; Cammy Torres, Executive Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT ITEMS

DC-1: Mihail Danciulescu – PULLED PER MEMBER’S REQUEST
Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

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

DC-2: Edward Kisow – PULLED PER MEMBER’S REQUEST
Deputy Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

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

DC-3: Mark Yesia
Employment and Eligibility Specialist, Orange County Social Services Agency

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

A **motion** was made by Mr. Eley, **seconded** by Lindholm to approve the consent agenda.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 10:12a.m.

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

A: REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-2: Michael Brown
Environmental Technician, Orange County Sanitation District

Recommendation: Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity or job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-3: Vanessa Callins
Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of June 27, 2018 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

Chair Baldwin arrived at 10:24a.m. Mr. Eley left the meeting.

DA-4: Alberto Gomez
Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of October 4, 2015. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-5: Arthur Lopez-Hidalgo
Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of November 24, 2017. (Safety Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-6: Tracy Hohne
Paralegal, Orange County Public Defender

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 3, 2017. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-7: Richard Regambal
Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 30, 2018. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-8 Elizabeth Vroom
Office Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency

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

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

DA-9: Jean Yu
Administrative Manager III, Orange County Information Technology
Recommendation: Grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 5, 2016 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

The Committee voted unanimously to adopt staff's recommendation.

B. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2019 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindholm, **seconded** by Mr. Vallone to approve the minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

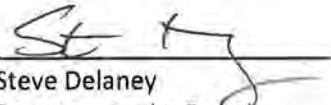
Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations gave the Committee handouts showing the criteria used to determine disability retirement and the differences between OCERS disability retirement and workers compensation. These handouts have been helpful references in the past and are available in BoardVantage. Committee member Lindholm requested additional training or information on the differences in payments across all disability benefit types. Ms. Jenike responded that she would provide the Committee with information regarding benefit amounts at a future meeting.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

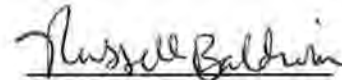
None

The meeting adjourned at 10:47a.m.

Submitted by:


Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:


Russell Baldwin
Chair