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

# DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING February 4, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Committee Jeremy Vallone Adele Tagaloa Arthur Hidalgo

#### 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**

#### **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. Persons wishing to provide public comment at this time should fill out a speaker card located on the counter at the back of the room and deposit it in the Recording Secretary's inbox on the wall near the middle of the room. 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**

#### DC-1: DANIEL DECKER

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of May 25, 2018. (Safety Member)

#### DC-2: ELISEO ELIAS-MARTINEZ

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of April 28, 2019. (General Member)

#### DC-3: BLANCA GONZALEZ

Office Assistant, Orange County Health Care Agency

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 14, 2017. (General Member)

#### DC-4: MICHAEL HURST

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate. (Safety Member)

#### DC-5: EDWARD KISOW

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of the day after the last day of regular compensation. (Safety Member)

#### DC-6: STEVEN WALKER

District Attorney Investigator, Orange County District Attorney

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 21, 2017. (Safety Member)

#### CLOSED SESSION Government Code section 54957

Adjourn to Closed Session under Government Code section 54957 to consider member disability applications and to discuss member medical records submitted in connection therewith. The applicant may waive confidentiality and request his or her disability application to be considered in Open Session.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

#### DA-2: RENEE BROWN

Eligibility Supervisor, Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity. (General Member)

# **OPEN SESSION**

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- A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
- B. MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 7, 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

C. 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR-REVISED

**Recommendation:** Approve the revised 2020 Disability Committee meeting calendar.

# COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

**COUNSEL COMMENTS** 

#### **NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 10, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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

# INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING February 26, 2020 9:00 A.M.

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

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

# DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING January 7, 2020 10:00 a.m.

#### MINUTES

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Attendance was as follows:

- Present: Jeremy Vallone, Chair; Adele Tagaloa; Roger Hilton
- Staff:Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike,<br/>Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Sonal Sharma ,<br/>Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Watson, member of the public, thanked staff for their hard work on his application.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Hilton, **seconded** by Tagaloa, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- DC-1: Eric Burnell PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.
- DC-2: Tamara Jimenez- PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.
- DC-3: Sheri Pak- PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.
- DC-4: Shannon Garrido

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 1, 2019. (General Member)

# DC-5: Vernon (Mickey) Hanson

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 12, 2016. (Safety Member)

# DC-6: Jeff Watson

Communications Technician, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 4, 2017. (General Member)

The motion passed **unanimously.** 

# A. MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2019 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

**MOTION** by Tagaloa, **seconded** by Hilton, to approve the Minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS None.

COUNSEL COMMENTS None.

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney Secretary to the Board Jeremy Vallone Chair



# Memorandum

SUBJECT:	2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – REVISED DATES
FROM:	Suzanne Jenike, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, External Operations
то:	Members of the Disability Committee
DATE:	February 4, 2020

# Recommendation

Approve the revised 2020 Disability Committee meeting calendar.

# **Background/Discussion**

The OCERS Disability Committee has been meeting to review disability applications since June 2018. A number of process improvements have been implemented to ensure maximum efficiency for the members of the Committee as well as OCERS members. Once such improvement was the use of a consent agenda format for applications that are presented to the Committee with a Staff recommendation to approve the members' requested benefit. As a result of this change, the Disability Committee meeting is taking less than an hour to complete from start to finish.

Due to the shortened length of the Committee meetings and the fact that the Committee is required to meet monthly, Staff suggests moving the date of the Committee meetings to the same date as the regular Board meeting. This would eliminate one day a month of traveling to and from OCERS Headquarters for the members of the Committee. If approved, the Disability Committee meeting will start time certain at 8:30am on board meeting day.

The revised 2020 Disability Committee dates are below:

- Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Board's Strategic Planning workshop is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A Disability Committee meeting will need to be scheduled.
- Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

# Submitted by:

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Suzanne Jenike Assistant Chief Executive Officer External Operations

# 2020 Disability Committee Calendar

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