ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 20, 2020
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Attendance was as follows:

Present via Zoom Video conference pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020:

Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Jeremy Vallone; Arthur Hidalgo

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Sonal Sharma, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Hidalgo, seconded by Vallone, to approve staff’s recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed unanimously.

DC-1: Angelina Cortez – MEMBER REQUESTED CONTINUANCE

DC-2: Susan Harkins
Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 5, 2017. (General Member)
DC-3: Mark Rodriguez  
Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 14, 2018. (Safety Member)

DC-4: David Talbert  
Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of April 15, 2019. (Safety Member)

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:35am.

The Committee resumed Open Session at 9:05am.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-2: Laura Blumberg  
Office Specialist, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

MOTION by Vallone, seconded by Hidalgo to refer the matter to a Hearing Officer for further analysis of the record regarding permanent incapacity and job causation.

The motion passed unanimously.

DA-3: John Duran  
Bindery Technician, Registrar of Voters

MOTION by Vallone, seconded by Hidalgo to deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

The motion passed unanimously.

DA-4: Jane Martorana – PULLED PER MEMBER’S REQUEST.

DA-5: Christy Watson  
Fire Community Relations/Education Specialist, Orange County Fire Authority

MOTION by Vallone, seconded by Hidalgo to deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

The motion passed unanimously.
B.  MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Vallone, seconded by Hidalgo to approve the Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS
None.

COUNSEL COMMENTS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:09 am.

Submitted by:  
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Steve Delaney  Jeremy Vallone
Secretary to the Board  Chair

Approved by:

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