

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE100  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 16, 2020  
8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 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; Arthur Hidalgo; Roger Hilton

Also Present via Zoom:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Hilton, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-1:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DC-2: STEVEN FLOREN**

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 4, 2020. (Safety Member)

**DC-3: KEVIN McDONALD**

Senior Social Worker, Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 6, 2019. (General Member)

**DC-4: DEBBIE PHUNG**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of January 22, 2017. (General Member)

**DC-5: WILLIAM VALDEZ**

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 30, 2018. (Safety Member)

*The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:35 a.m.*

*The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 9:00 a.m.*

**OPEN SESSION**

**A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**DA-1: PETER DACQUISTO**

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 17, 2020. (Safety Member)

**MOTION** by Hilton, **seconded** by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**DA-2 VANESSA HAMLIN**

Social Worker II, Orange County Social Services Agency

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of February 16, 2018, and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

**MOTION** by Hilton, **seconded** by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**DA-3: JOHN MANNING**

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority

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

MOTION by Hilton, seconded by Hidalgo to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 19 , 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF**

None.

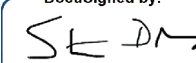
**COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

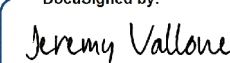
The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Jeremy Vallone  
Chair