

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

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

Members of the Committee

Jeremy Vallone
Adele Tagaloa
Arthur Hidalgo

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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 AND ROLL CALL

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 Board; and (2) any matter appearing on the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to provide comment at this time may do so by "raising your hand" in the Zoom app, or if joining by telephone, by pressing * 9 on your telephone keypad. When addressing the Board, 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: 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)

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)

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: 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)

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)

OPEN SESSION

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A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF

COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2020

9:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 18, 2020

9:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 14, 2020

8:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
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**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 19, 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:

Jeremy Vallone, Chair; Adele Tagalao; Arthur Hidalgo

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, Staff Attorney; 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

David Cunningham, whose application was listed on the agenda as item DC-4, addressed the committee in regards to effective date. It was determined by the Disability Committee to move the agenda item to DA-1, to be heard in closed session.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Tagalao, **seconded** by Hidalgo, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-4 and DC-7:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: MARGARITA CASTILLO

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of October 29, 2017. (General Member)

DC-2: STEVEN CHAFE
Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 30, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-3: JAIME CLEPHAS
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 June 21, 2019. (Safety Member)

DC-4: DAVID CUNNINGHAM- MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM DA-1

DC-5: COLLEEN FLYNN
Court Reporter, Orange County Superior Court

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of June 22, 2018. (General Member)

DC-6: UYEN LUU
Eligibility Technician , Orange County Social Services Agency

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to the member's failure to cooperate. (General Member)

DC-7: JUDY TORRES- PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST

DC-8: CONNIE TRAN
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 27, 2020. (Safety Member)

The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:42 a.m.
The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 8:54 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-1: DAVID CUNNINGHAM

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date to be determined administratively. (Safety Member)

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-2: REBECCA CONTRERAS

Supervising Peace Officer Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department

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

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST

DA-4: LAURIE KEOGH

Senior Computer Graphics Specialist, Orange County Public Works

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of December 22, 2017 and deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation. (General Member)

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-5: PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST

B. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21 , 2020 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Hidalgo, **seconded** by Tagaloa 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 8:56 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Jeremy Vallone
Chair