

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 14, 2020  
8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 Hilton, **seconded** by Hidalgo, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**DC-1: ERIC BURNELL**

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 December 6, 2019. (Safety Member)

**DC-2: WALTER CARMONA**

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of November 16, 2019. (Safety Member)

**DC-3: CYNTHIA CUIEL**

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of July 23, 2019. (Safety Member)

**DC-4: KATHERINA DEGN**

Investigator, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 13, 2020. (Safety Member)

**DC-5: JOHN MacPHERSON**

Lieutenant, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of August 17, 2018. (Safety Member)

**DC-6: AARON SCHULTE**

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant service connected disability retirement with an effective date of March 31, 2018. (Safety Member)

*The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:40 a.m.*

*The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 8:48 a.m.*

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**DA-2: ERMA JONES**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Disability Committee grant non-service connected disability retirement with an effective date of September 29, 2019, 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**.

**B. MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 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**

The team thanked Mr. Hidalgo for his participation.

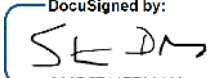
**COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

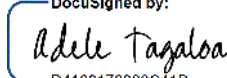
The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloo  
Chair