

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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 2021

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; Charles Packard; 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; Sonal Sharma-Beeson, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Hilton, **seconded** by Packard, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of DC-4.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: JENNIFER ANCKAER

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as October 7, 2019.

DC-2: DANIEL BLOOM

Investigator, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as February 28, 2020.

DC-3: OLIVER DIDIO

Sheriff's Special Officer II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 14, 2020.

DC-4: AUGUSTINE ESTRADA –PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DC-5: SARA GALLARDO

Office Specialist, Orange County Sheriff's Department (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 13, 2020.

DC-6: MORRIS LEVY

Certified Journeyman Mechanic II, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as November 12, 2017.

DC-7: DOUGLAS OBERMEIER

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 15, 2019.

DC-8: ALEJANDRO SILVA

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

DC-9: BRYAN SWARTZ

Firefighter/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as October 8, 2020.

DC-10: TIMOTHY WALKER

Investigator, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as the day after the last date of regular compensation.

DC-11: ANDREAS WIKIDAL

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 24, 2020.

The Disability Committee adjourned into closed session at 8:41 a.m.

The Disability Committee reconvened into open session at 8:56 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

DA-2: MARY HELEN GOMEZ – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DA-3: ROBERT SZEWCZYK

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety Member)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee forward to the Board of Retirement a recommendation to:

- Deny service connected disability due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.
- Deny the application as it was untimely filed per Government Code Section 31722.

MOTION by Hilton, **seconded** by Packard to send the application back to staff to for further development.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF

None.

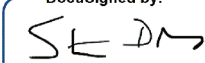
COMMENTS COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa
Chair