

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 20, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

Members of the Committee

Adele Tagaloa, Chair
Chuck Packard
Jeremy Vallone

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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 Committee; 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 Committee, 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

All matters on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one action unless a Committee member requests separate action on a specific item.

DC-1: WILLIAM BAKER

Assistant Sheriff Orange 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 January 17, 2020.

DC-2: EDWARD CORTEZ

Journeyman Mechanic, Orange County Transportation Authority (General 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-3: ROBERT DAVIDSON

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (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-4: SUSAN DOMINGUEZ

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 July 17, 2020.

DC-5: BRUCE FERM

Plumber 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 8, 2021.

DC-6: JUAN FLORES

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation 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 July 31, 2020.

DC-7: NICHOLAS FREELAND

Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer II, Orange County Probation 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 August 28, 2020.

DC-8: DANNY MOORHOUSE

Fire Captain, 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 July 30, 2021

CLOSED SESSION

Government Code section 54957

Adjourn to Closed Session under Government Code section 54957 to consider disability applications and to discuss member medical records submitted in connection therewith. The member 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: KENNETH BLOCK

Investigator, Orange County District Attorney's Office (Safety Member)

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

- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

DA-3: MINEA GRACIA

Eligibility Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency (General 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 due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.
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DA-4: KELLY LUPRO

Administrative Manager II, Orange County Health Care Agency (General Member)

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

- Grant non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective as March 29. 2019.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

DA-5: MONICA RANGEL-SANTOS

Eligibility Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency (General 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 due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

B. [MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 16, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

COUNSEL COMMENTS

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2021

9:30 A.M.

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 18, 2021

8:30 A.M.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

October 27, 2021

9:30 A.M.

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 16, 2021

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; Charles Packard; Jeremy Vallone

Also Present via Zoom:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of DC-1 and DC-4:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: EDWARD CORTEZ – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DC-2: GEOFFREY DALY

Environmental Specialist, Orange County Sanitation District (General Member)

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

- Grant non-service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 19, 2019.

DC-3: CASEY GONZALES

Operations and Maintenance, Orange County Sanitation District (General 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-4: SABRINA HOLT-TORRES – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DC-5: JOHN MURRAY

Sergeant, 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 September 7, 2018.

DC-6: JAY MYERS

Sergeant, 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 July 5, 2019.

DC-7: RACHAEL RAMOS

Coach Operator, 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 December 10, 2017.

DC-8: LAURA SCHUMANN

Office Technician, Orange County Social Services Agency (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 July 16, 2020.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:45am.

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 8:53am.

ACTION ITEMS

DA-2: CHRISTOPHER BROWN

Communications Coordinator 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 non- service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 5, 2020.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: MINH TAM LUONG

Senior Public Health Nurse, Orange County Health Care Agency (General Member)

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

- Grant non- service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as April 26, 2019.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

MOTION by Vallone, **seconded** by Packard to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-4: MONICA RANGEL-SANTOS – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DA-5: 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 and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.
- Deny the application as it was untimely filed per Government Code Section 31722.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone to approve staff recommendation.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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

MOTION by Vallone, **seconded** by Packard to approve the Minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Cortez confirmed that, although the OCERS Board Meeting will not take place in September, the Disability Committee Meeting will still take place on September 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Adele Tagaloa
Chair