

**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.**

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:31 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:

Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations;
Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; David Acuna, Disability Investigator; Sonal Sharma-
Beeson, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Vallone, **seconded** by Packard, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of DC-2 and DC-3:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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 – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

DC-3: ROBERT DAVIDSON – PULLED PER MEMBER’S REQUEST.

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

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:36am.

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 8:55am.

ACTION ITEMS

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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-4: KELLY LUPRO – PULLED PER MEMBER'S REQUEST.

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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

B. MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 16, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Jenike thanked the Board Members for attending the Disability Committee Meeting despite there not being a Board Meeting this month.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

None.

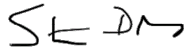
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

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Adele Tagaloa
Chair