

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 15, 2021

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

OPEN

SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Ms. Torres administered roll call.

Attendance was as follows:

Present via Zoom Video conference pursuant to Government Code § 54953, as amended by AB 361:

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; Cammy Torres, Recording Secretary; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Tagaloa, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: 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-2: GARY KING

Service Worker, 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: ERIKA OCHOA

Office Specialist, 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 without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

DC-4: MICHAEL SCHROEDER

Battalion Chief, 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 26, 2021.

DC-5: STEVE TEAL

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 August 13, 2021.

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:38 a.m.

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 8:52 a.m.

Mr. Vallone arrived at 8:42 a.m.

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

DA-1: INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

N/A

DA-2: JEREMY DOTY

Automotive Technician II, Orange County Public Works (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 Tagaloa to approve staff recommendation.

Substitute MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone to send the matter back to staff for a second medical opinion.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-3: ROBERT PETERSON

Undersheriff, 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 retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

This item was **pulled** from the agenda.

DA-4: RESCIND MOTION AND ACTION OF THE DISABILITY COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 1, 2019 WHEREIN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD GRANT NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT TO MICHELLE WACHTER

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Disability Committee rescind its motion and action on August 1, 2019 wherein the Disability Committee recommended that the Board of Retirement grant non-service connected disability to Michelle Wachter.

This item was **pulled** from the agenda.

DA-5: MICHELLE WACHTER

Coach Operator, 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 due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

This item was **pulled** from the agenda.

B. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone to approve October 18, 2021 Disability Committee Minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

N/A

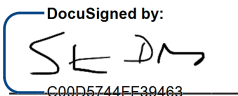
COUNSEL COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa