

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 13, 2021
8:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

OPEN SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Recording Secretary 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; Brittany Cleberg, 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:

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: JORGE AMBRIZ

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 without prejudice due to the member's failure to cooperate.

DC-2: EDITH GAGE

Correctional Services Technician, Orange County Sheriffs 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 26, 2021.

DC-3: LILIAN GRANILLO

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriffs 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 11, 2020.

DC-4: ROBERT HOFFMANN

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriffs 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 March 26, 2021.

DC-5: BRIAN HOPP

Firefighter, 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 January 18, 2019.

DC-6: JEFFREY HUBERT

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 January 1, 2021.

DC-7: JEFFREY McBRIDE

Firefighter, 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 April 22, 2021.

DC-8: HERMAN RANGEL

Employment & Eligibility Specialist, 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, October 14, 2016, the day following the last day of regular compensation as an Employment & Eligibility Specialist.
- Find the Applicant is capable of performing other duties in the service of the County of Orange pursuant to Government Code Section 31725.65.
- Grant a supplemental disability retirement payment allowance in the amount of the salary difference between the higher and lower paying positions effective May 7, 2021, the date of the position change, until the day Mr. Rangel wishes to retire from the new position.

DC-9: JOHN SAHM

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-10: DAVID WOLF

Fire Captain/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 the day after the last day of regular compensation.

DC-11: RANDY ZERANCE

Sheriff's Special Officer II, Orange County Sheriffs 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 the day after the last day of regular compensation.

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

The Committee resumed into Open Session at 9:15 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

DA-2: DANIEL BOWDISH

Investigator, Orange County Sheriffs Department (Safety 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 September 11, 2020.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

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

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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously.**

DA-4: JOHN VU

Senior System Software Analyst, Orange County Transportation Authority (General 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 and job causation.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-5: 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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DA-6: 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.

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

The motion passed **unanimously**.

B. MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

MOTION by Packard, **seconded** by Vallone to approve November 15, 2021 Disability

Committee Minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

N/A

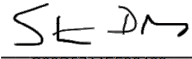
COUNSEL COMMENTS

N/A

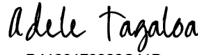
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa