

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 16, 2021  
9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Dewane called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Sonal Sharma-Beeson administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present via Zoom video teleconference pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020:

Shawn Dewane, Chair; Frank Eley, Vice-Chair, Richard Oates, Adele Tagaloa, Charles Packard, Chris Prevatt, Arthur Hidalgo, Jeremy Vallone, Ms. Freidenrich, and Wayne Lindholm

Also Present via Zoom:

Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Jenny Sadoski, Director of Information Technology, Anthony Beltran, Audio-Visual Technician; Sonal Sharma-Beeson; Recording Secretary

Guests:

Harvey Leiderman and Maytak Chin, ReedSmith

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Packard, **seconded** by Tagaloa to approve recommendations on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**BENEFITS**

**C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION**

**Recommendation:** Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- None

**ADMINISTRATION**

**C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

The motion passed **unanimously.**

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**CONSENT ITEMS: DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Packard, **seconded** by Eley, to approve staff’s recommendation on all of the following items on the Disability/Member Benefits Consent Agenda:

**DC-1: MICHAEL BLAWN**

Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 30, 2020.

**DC-2: WILLIAM DANCER**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as December 24, 2017.

**DC-3: ALBERT DASHER**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 16, 2019.

**DC-4: AUGUSTINE ESTRADA**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

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

**DC-5: JOSHUA DIETRICH**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

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

**DC-6: PERRY FRESE**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

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

**DC-7: PAUL DONOVAN GEORGE**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 26, 2021.

**DC-8: RICHARD GRAF**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as June 11, 2017.

**DC-9: PETER HAMBORG**

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

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

**DC-10: CHRISTINA QUINTERO**

Property Tax Technician, Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of permanent incapacity.

**DC-11: RONALD REED**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as September 15, 2020.

**DC-12: JUDY TORRES**

Office Assistant, Orange County Child Support Services (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 16, 2019.

**DC-13: JAMES WARNER**

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

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

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

**DC-14: WARREN WEBER**

Public Assistance Investigator, Orange County District Attorney's Office (General Member)

**Recommendation:** The Disability Committee recommends that the Board:

- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as January 29, 2021.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DA-2: AMBER DRYCOL**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve and adopt the findings and recommendations of the Referee/Hearing Officer as set forth in the Summary of Analysis of the Evidence and Issue, Proposed Findings of Fact Conclusions and Recommendation dated July 18, 2021 (Recommendation) wherein the Hearing Officer recommended that the Applicant, Amber Drycol, is entitled to a service-connected disability retirement.

**MOTION** by Eley, **seconded** by Prevatt, to postpone this matter until October.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A-2 BUILDING COMMITTEE - BOARD ROOM AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

*Presentation by Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Finance and Internal Operations and Jenny Sadoski, Director of Information Technology*

**Recommendation:** Authorize staff to execute an agreement with Key Code Media, Inc. for Board Room Audio Visual equipment replacement and implementation services in the amount not to exceed \$532,000 and authorize the Assistant CEO, Finance and Internal Operations to transfer budget from the Services and Supplies budget category to the Capital Projects budget category to fund additional project costs.

Ms. Shott presented this item to the Board.

**MOTION** by Prevatt, **seconded** by Oates, to approve staff's recommendation.

Per Mr. Lindholm's request, Ms. Shott reviewed the Board Room AV RFP Scoring Sheet and explained the reasoning behind choosing Key Code Media. Mr. Lindholm also requested that, in the future, staff should include the RFP Scoring Sheets with the Board materials.

Ms. Sharma-Beeson administered the roll call.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**I-1 ALAMEDA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

*Presentation by Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations and Jeff Lamberson, Director of Member Services*

Ms. Jenike provided a verbal update to the Board. She explained that the team has sent letters to the payees whose benefits are impacted. The letters included estimates of how much their monthly benefit may be impacted. The team held three Zoom sessions where payees could express their concerns and have their questions answered. The team is currently working with Vitech to change the configurations of the pay codes affected by the Alameda decision in the pension administration system and have updated the Frequently Asked Questions on the website. Two retirees have been brought back on board as extra help to assist in answering the phones.

**1-2 COVID-19 UPDATE**

*Presentation by Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer, OCERS*

Mr. Delaney shared that pension systems participating in the NASRA Annual Conference had a variety of different return to office plans. He noted that OCERS allows employees to voluntarily come into the office; there is also a group of OCERS employees who are now required to come into the office. The requirement to work in the office is in support of the goal to achieve 100% accuracy in benefit calculations.

**R-10 THE EVOLUTION OF OCERS' UAAL (2021 EDITION)**

Written Report

**R-11 2021 STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP – FINAL AGENDA**

Written Report

Mr. Delaney shared that the final Strategic Planning workshop is still pending and should have the final agenda by the end of the week.

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:09am.

The Board reconvened at 10:31am.

**Open Session**

**R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Written Report

Application Notices  
Death Notices

August 16, 2021  
August 16, 2021

**R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- None

**R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2021 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN**

Written Report

**R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

Written Report

**R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Report

**R-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Written Report

**R-7 SECOND QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Written Report

**R-8 SECOND QUARTER 2021 BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT**

Written Report

**R-9 OCERS BY THE NUMBERS (2021 EDITION)**

Written Report

**R-12 GENERAL MEMBER ELECTION**

Written Report

**R-13 2021 EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS MATRIX**

Written Report

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

**E-1 CONFERENCE REGARDING LITIGATION THAT HAS BEEN INITIATED  
(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1))**

*James B. Morell v. Board of Retirement of the Orange County Employees Retirement System, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2019-01043847  
Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).*

**Recommendation:** Take appropriate action.

The Board reported no reportable action.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Dewane requested that the CIO re-inform the Board about the details of her delegated authority at the next Investment Committee Meeting.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Delaney asked if Trustees could confirm whether they are attending the Strategic Planning Workshop in person or attending remotely.

**COUNSEL COMMENTS**

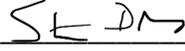
None.

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The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:36 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

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Shawn Dewane  
Chairman