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

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, August 15, 2022
8:30 a.m.
MINUTES

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 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: Wayne Lindholm, Jeremy Vallone

Also Present: Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina

Ratto, General Counsel; Manuel Serpa, Deputy General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; David Acuna, Disability Investigator; Nicole

McIntosh, Staff Attorney; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician; Brad Agrums, Executive Secretary; Bill Singleton,

**Recording Secretary** 

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Lindholm pulled item DC-2 and DC-6 for discussion.

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Lindholm to approve staff's recommendation on the following items, DC-1, DC-3, DC-4, and DC-5.

The motion passed unanimously.

DC-1: DONESHIA CHATMAN

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General Member)

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**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 3, 2021.

# DC-2: PRESTON KNOWLES (Pulled for discussion in Closed Session) Deputy Sheriff I, 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 February 2, 2022.

#### DC-3: JARRETT KURIMAY

Commander, 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 January 14, 2022.

#### DC-4: ANA LA PYRNE

Deputy Sheriff I, 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 March 11, 2022.

#### DC-5: BRAD ALLEN PHOENIX

**Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety Member)** 

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

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- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as December 21, 2021.

## DC-6: BAO VINH (Pulled for discussion in Closed Session) Senior Social Worker, 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 March 31, 2017.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Committee recessed into Closed Session at 8:37 a.m.

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

#### **DA-2: GLENN STITZ**

**Court Collection Officer I, Orange County Superior Court (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 6, 2021.
- Deny service connected disability retirement due to insufficient evidence of job causation.

#### **DA-3: MICHAEL TIVENAN**

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 February 3, 2015.

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The Committee meeting resumed in Open Session at 8:53 a.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

#### DC-2: PRESTON KNOWLES

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

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- Grant service connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as February 2, 2022.

#### DC-6: BAO VINH

Senior Social Worker, 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 March 31, 2017.

Ms. Jenike reported that the Committee met in Closed Session on DC-2 and DC-6, and the Committee voted <u>unanimously to adopt staff's recommendations as presented</u>.

#### DA-2: GLENN STITZ

**Court Collection Officer I, Orange County Superior Court (General Member)** 

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**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 February 3, 2015.

Ms. Jenike reported that the Committee met in Closed Session on DA-2 and DA-3, and the Committee voted <u>unanimously to adopt staff's recommendations as presented</u>.

#### B. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes.

**MOTION** by Vallone, **seconded** by Lindholm to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed **unanimously**.

### C. REVIEW OF NEW OCERS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE (OAP) PERFORMANCE OF USUAL DUTY DETERMINATION

**Recommendation**: Approve, and recommend that the Board adopt, a new OCERS Administrative Procedure for Disability Performance of Usual Duty Determinations.

<u>MOTION</u> by Lindholm, <u>seconded</u> by Vallone to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed <u>unanimously</u>.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

N/A

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS** 

N/A

**COUNSEL COMMENTS** 

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney

Approved by:

Adele Tagaloa

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