

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

**DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12, 2022
8:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

OPEN SESSION

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

Recording Secretary administered roll call.

Attendance was as follows: Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Jeremy Vallone; Shawne Dewane

Also in Attendance: Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Gina Ratto, General Counsel; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Megan Cortez, Disability Manager; Brittany Brayboy, Disability Retirement Investigator; Cesar Rodriguez, Disability Retirement Investigator; Anthony Beltran, Audio Visual Technician; Bill Singleton, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Vallone, **SECONDED** by Dewane, to approve staff's recommendation on all of the following items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed **unanimously**.

DC-1: JANNIE BAUTISTA

Information Processing Technician, Orange County Health Care 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-2: AMIJO CHIPPARI

Group Counselor I, 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-3: BILL D. CROW
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 per Government Code Section 31720.5.
- Set the effective date as February 17, 2022.

DC-4: JOEL CUNNINGHAM
Sheriff's Special Officer, Orange County Sheriff's Department (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-5: ANTHONY DUCHI
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 March 11, 2022.

DC-6: AUGUSTINE C. ESTRADA
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 April 12, 2022.

DC-7: TRACY J. HARRIS
Captain, 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 the day after the last day of regular compensation.

DC-8: KENNETH KROPIDLOWSKI
Deputy Sheriff II, 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 and non-service connected disability retirement, without prejudice, due to the member's failure to cooperate.

DC-9: WENDY NORWOOD
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 March 25, 2022.

DC-10: STEPHEN J. STEWART
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 March 25, 2022.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee did not adjourn to Closed Session. There was no discussion.

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

DA-2: JERRY BRENEMAN - PULLED

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority (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 and job causation

A. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action.

B. MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022 DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Tagaloa stated that being on the Disability Committee has been very rewarding and thanked staff for their work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Delaney discussed potentially having the Board delegate the granting of disability retirement benefits to the CEO.

COUNSEL COMMENTS

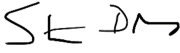
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ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

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Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney

Approved by:

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