

AGENDA

THE MEETING OF THE

DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

and

BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

**300 North Lake Avenue, 8th Floor Board Room
Pasadena, CA 91101**

September 4, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. **

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Marvin Adams, Chair
Ed C. Morris, Vice Chair
Alan Bernstein
Yves Chery
Shawn Kehoe, Alternate

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 3, 2013

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion on Board of Retirement's discretionary authority when administering Rules and Regulations (at the request of Miss Antebi)

B. Assisting Disability Appeal Applicants Successfully Navigate the Appeals Process

C. Consider Application of Raffi Mesrobian, M.D. as LACERA Panel Physician

D. Consider Application of Marta Recasens, M.D. as LACERA Panel Physician

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. Disability Caseload Evaluation Adhoc Committee Update

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
and
Board of Retirement**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 12:20 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Marvin Adams, Chair
Ed C. Morris, Vice Chair
Yves Chery
Shawn Kehoe, Alternate

ABSENT: Alan Bernstein

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

William de la Garza
Vivian H. Gray
Sadonya Antebi
Ron Okum

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Gregg Rademacher	Justin Stewart	Anna Kwan
Steve Tallant	Maisha Coulter	Ricardo Salinas
Eugenia Der	Mercie Martinez	Karla Sarni
JJ Popowich	Barbara Tuncay	Penelope Huerta
James Pu	Barry Lew	Vickie Neely
Ricki Contreras	Nichelle Porter	Laura Delgado
Frank Boyd	Tamara Caldwell	Danny Hang
Vincent Lim	Maria Muro	Debbie Semnarian
Robb Van Der Volgen	Debra Martin	Kerri Wilson
Hernan Barrientos	Darren Huey	Russell Lurina
Angie Guerrero	Shamila Freeman	

ATTORNEYS

Thomas J. Wicke

GUEST SPEAKER

NONE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adams at 12:20 p.m.

I. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER(S) IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ABSENT

The Chair appointed Mr. Kehoe a voting member of the Committee

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 3, 2013

Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Kehoe seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 3, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion on Board of Retirement's discretionary authority when administering Rules and Regulations

After a brief discussion regarding the Procedures for Disability Retirement Hearings, Mr. Van Der Volgan advised the Committee of what authority the Board of Retirement has when extending and changing rules.

Miss Antebi advised staff to agendaize this item to go before the Board of Retirement on October 2, 2013 for further discussion.

B. Recommendation as submitted by JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer: That the Board of Retirement amend Rule 19 and Rule 32 of the "Procedures for Disability Retirement Hearings" effective January 1, 2014

Mr. Popowich advised the Committee of the proposed changes for Rule 19 and Rule 32:

Rule 19

- Enforce the requirements of Rule 19
- Change the terminology for Rule 19

Rule 32

- Ensure applicant have an adequate notification period of the pending deadline for Rule 32
- The deadline for Rule 32 can only be extended under certain circumstances
- Dismiss cases based on the criteria outlined in the Rules

The proposed changes for Rule 32 will require additional work and will take three to four months to complete. Mr. Popowich and staff recommend that the changes take effect on January 1, 2014.

Mr. Kehoe motioned and
Mr. Chery seconded to
approve the recommendation.
The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consider Application of Raffi Mesrobian, M.D. as LACERA Panel Physician
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Staff advised the Committee in the absence of Dr. Campese they would like to postpone item C and D until the next Committee meeting on October 2, 2013.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

Disability Caseload Evaluation Adhoc Committee Update
Gregg Rademacher

Mr. Rademacher updated the Committee on what has taken place at the Disability Caseload Evaluation meetings. He discussed case development, recent process changes and future potential changes that would improve case management.

- V. MISCELLANEOUS (Discussion)
- VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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