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LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION  
300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 650, PASADENA, CA

# AGENDA

## A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA

9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

This meeting will be conducted by the Board of Retirement by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

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*The Board may take action on any item on the agenda,  
and agenda items may be taken out of order.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Written Public Comment - You may submit written public comments by email to [PublicComment@lacera.com](mailto:PublicComment@lacera.com). Correspondence will be made part of the official record of the meeting. Please submit your written public comments or documentation as soon as possible and up to the close of the meeting.

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- IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE  
(For Information Purposes Only)
- V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant the appeals and request for an administrative hearing for applicants Russell W. Rodrigues, Connie M. Pendleton, Andrea D. Howe, Andrea D. Howe, Frank D. Dominguez, and Linda S. Yu Chow. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)
- B. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Daljit S. Arora's appeal for an earlier effective date. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Robert E. Clark's appeal for a service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)
- D. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Martha F. Delgado's application for correction appeal for an earlier effective date. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)
- E. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Laura Perez-Vasquez's, surviving spouse of Richard Vasquez, appeal for a service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)

VII. ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

VIII. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel, regarding the retirement of the Board's Medical Advisor, Vito Campese, M.D. (Memo dated July 1, 2021)
- B. For Information Only as submitted Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated July 6, 2021)

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IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER  
(For information purposes only)

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA

9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Retirement by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

PRESENT: Alan Bernstein, Chair

Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair

Gina Zapanta, Secretary

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Shawn R. Kehoe

Keith Knox

Wayne Moore

Ronald Okum

William Pryor (Alternate Safety)

Les Robbins

Herman Santos

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

John Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Jonathan Gabel, Chief Investment Officer

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor

Johanna Fontenot, Senior Staff Counsel

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Ricki Contreras, Disability Retirement Manager

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Vickie Neely, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Kerri Wilson, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Hernan Barrientos, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Ricardo Salinas, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Vincent Lim, Disability Litigation Manager

Allison E. Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Eugenia W. Der, Senior Staff Counsel

Jason E. Waller, Senior Staff Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order virtually by Mr. Bernstein at 9:20 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Janice Zhang addressed the Board regarding her Administrative Appeal.

III. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE  
(For Information Purposes Only)

Mr. Kreimann provided the Board an update regarding the recruitment of Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer who will begin on July 12, 2021.

III. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE (Continued)  
(For Information Purposes Only)

Furthermore, he provided a status on the recruitment efforts of the Assistant Executive Officer and Budget Officer positions. Lastly, Mr. Kreimann provided an update from Cal-OSHA.

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Okum, the Board of Retirement approved a service-connected disability retirement for the following named employees who were found to be disabled for the performance of their duties and have met the burden of proof. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
469D	CARLOS A. BARRAGAN
470D	KELLEY A. LOMBARDOZZI
471D	ARTHUR R. MIRANDA
472D	LANCE M. STEAMAN
473D	JOSEPH P. MORIEN
474D	TIMOTHY W. CRISE
475D*	ALESHIA R. COSTELLO

\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
476D*	ROBERT L. WAGNER, JR.
477D**	STEVEN D. KATZ
478D	XAVIER R. AGUILAR
479D**	FRANK BARRAGAN
480D	TRACY A. ADAMS
481D	CASE NUMBERED INCORRECTLY
482D	ANGELA CONTRERAS
483D	DANIEL S. FEDELE
484D	VINCENT M. ROMERO
485D	SERGIO TISCARENO
486D	JEFFREY D. DOMINGO

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

\*\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Okum, the Board of Retirement approved a service-connected disability retirement for the following named employees who were found to be disabled for the performance of their duties and have met the burden of proof. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Pryor, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1353B	SCOTT C. SALHUS
1354B	DON C. DAMANN
1355B	JOSEPH F. ANASTASIA
1356B	KARL L. SCHULZ
1357B*	KYLE J. ZUNIGA
1358B	MICHAEL C. GAROFANO
1359B	DAVID C. GONZALEZ
1360B	RYDELL NEMAR L. STYLE
1361B	PATRICK C. STEFANSKI
1362B	OSWALDO A. MATUTE
1363B*	JEFF A. VIDRINSKAS
1364B	CHRISTINE LINKLETTER

\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1365B*	LAWRENCE A. GRILL
1366B	WILLIAM M. WILSON

General Members  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Okum, seconded by Mr. Knox, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve a service-connected disability retirement for the following named employees who were found to be disabled for the performance of their duties and have met the burden of proof. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2229C**	DIANA C. ESCOBEDO-GUTIERREZ
2230C**	LAKSHMI M. PALADUGU
2231C**	DWAYNE T. UYEDA
2232C**	LUZ M. GUTIERREZ
2233C	MARI MARGARIAN
2234C**	ROCHELLE GORAN
2235C**	JUAN A. AYALA

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

\*\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members (Continued)

Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2236C*	ILIANA M. CARRANZA
2237C*	MELISSA A. MANGARIN
2238C**	KIMBERLY E. MAILLET
2239C*	RHONDA L. WATSON
2240C**	MARLINE L. MESHREKY
2241C*	LILI F. AHMADI
2242C**	CARLOS ROSALES
2243C*	ALEX GUEVARA
2244C***	SHARESE S. MIRZAKHANYAN
2245C*	BRENDA D. WATSON
2246C**	JOSE A. LUNA, JR.
2247C	YOLANDA L. ZUNIGA
2248C*	LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS
2249C****	ELIUD RIVERA

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\*\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

\*\*\*\*Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members

Nonservice-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Okum, seconded by Mr. Knox, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve a nonservice-connected disability retirement for the following named employee who was found to be disabled for the performance of her duties and has met the burden of proof. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

APPLICATION NO.

NAME

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ANA P. FELIX

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to approve Consent Items A-D. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Bernstein, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

- A. Recommendation as submitted by JP Harris, Chair, Disability Procedures and Services Committee: That the Board authorize the proposed contracts and fee schedules for its panel physicians for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. (Memo dated May 14, 2021)
- B. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant the appeals and requests for administrative hearing for applicants Arnette A. West, Purisima M. Valencia, Serena S. Gilliam, and Maleine M. Tea. (Memo dated May 27, 2021)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice John P. Harris' appeal for service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated May 27, 2021)

V. CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

- D. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Lovia J. Pitts' appeal for an earlier effective date.  
(Memo dated May 27, 2021)

VI. ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

There were no Items Excluded from Consent Items.

VII. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated May 24, 2021)

Ms. Contreras was present to answer questions from the Board.

VIII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no Items for Staff Review.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER  
(For information purposes only)

Mr. Bernstein shared that June is Pride Month. Lastly, he shared Mary Parks Kelly, sister-in-law of Board of Investments Trustee Joseph Kelly, passed away suddenly and this meeting will be adjourned in her memory.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5184B – ACELIA FONSECA

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed (roll call)

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5184B – ACELIA FONSECA (Continued)

with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Bernstein, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

5185B – RUSSELL W. RODRIGUES

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31722. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Bernstein, Moore, Robbins, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes. Mr. Kehoe was absent from the vote.

5186B – TIMOTHY P. FINN

This application was pulled at the request of staff.

5187B – CONNIE M. PENDLETON

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Pryor seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720 since the employer cannot accommodate. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Robbins, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Moore voting no; and Ms. Gray and Mr. Kehoe abstaining.

5188B – LUIZA L. SARKISIAN

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum,

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5188B – LUIZA L. SARKISIAN (Continued)

Moore, Robbins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

Mr. Bernstein made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to reconsider the case. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement without prejudice. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Bernstein, Robbins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

5189B – ANDREA D. HOWE

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement since the employer can accommodate. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Moore, Bernstein, Okum, Robbins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5190B – FRANK D. DOMINGUEZ

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31722. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Moore, Bernstein, Okum, Robbins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

5191B – LINDA S. YU CHOW

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Bernstein, Robbins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Zapanta voting yes; Mr. Kehoe was not present for the vote.

5172B – EVERIL L. NELSON

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720 and 31724 since the employer cannot accommodate. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kehoe, Moore, Bernstein, Robbins, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

KATHRYN S. NAVE-ELLIOTT - Thomas J. Wicke for the Applicant  
Allison E. Barrett for the Respondent

This application was pulled at the request of staff.

C. Staff Recommendations

1. Recommendation as submitted by Tamara L. Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board approve the service provider invoice for Mary L. Williams. (Memo dated May 27, 2021)

Mr. Pryor made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kehoe, Moore, Bernstein, Robbins, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

1. Oscar Ramos v. LACERA  
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP00476

On a motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the Board approved to 1) Comply with the Writ of Mandate issued by the Superior Court; 2) Grant Ramos a service-connected disability retirement, retroactive to the effective date of his nonservice-connected disability retirement; and 3) Pay prejudgment interest from

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

November 21, 2019, the date the Board made its final decision. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Bernstein, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Trustee Kelly's sister-in-law, Mary Parks Kelly at 10:06 a.m.

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GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

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ALAN BERNSTEIN, CHAIR



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Pasadena, CA 91101**



July 1, 2021

TO: Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

FROM: Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager   
Disability Retirement Services

SUBJECT: **APPEALS FOR THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT'S MEETING  
OF JULY 15, 2021**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Board of Retirement grant the appeals and requests for administrative hearing received from the following applicants, and direct the Disability Retirement Services Manager to refer each case to a referee:

5185B	Russell W. Rodrigues	Michael Treger	Deny SCD
5187B	Connie M. Pendleton	Thomas Wicke	Deny SCD – Grant NSCD Employer Cannot Accommodate
5189B	Andrea D. Howe	Thomas Wicke	Deny SCD – Employer Can Accommodate
5190B	Frank D. Dominguez	Michael Treger	Deny SCD
5191B	Linda S. Yu Chow	In Pro Per	Deny SCD – Grant NSCD

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July 1, 2021

TO: Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

FROM: Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager  
Disability Retirement Services

FOR: July 15, 2021 Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE THE APPEAL OF DALJIT S. ARORA**

Mr. Daljit S. Arora applied for a service-connected disability retirement on April 9, 2019. On December 10, 2020, the Board granted his application for a service-connected disability retirement.

Mr. Arora filed a timely appeal regarding the effective date of his service-connected disability retirement. On June 6, 2021, Mr. Arora signed a voluntary withdrawal letter advising LACERA that he does not wish to proceed with his appeal.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Dismiss with prejudice Daljit S. Arora's appeal for an earlier effective date.

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Attachment

NOTED AND REVIEWED:

Francis J. Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel

Date: 7/1/2021



July 1, 2021

TO: Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

FROM: Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager   
Disability Retirement Services Division

FOR: July 15, 2021 Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE THE APPEAL OF ROBERT E. CLARKE**

Mr. Robert E. Clarke applied for a service-connected disability retirement on August 11, 2016. On June 14, 2018, the Board denied his application for service-connected disability retirement and granted a nonservice-connected disability retirement.

Mr. Clarke's attorney filed a timely appeal regarding his application for a service-connected disability retirement. On June 9, 2021, the applicant's attorney advised LACERA that his client did not wish to proceed with his appeal.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Dismiss with prejudice Robert E. Clarke's appeal for a service-connected disability retirement.

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Clarke, Robert E.docx

Attachment

NOTED AND REVIEWED:



Francis J. Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel

Date: July 1, 2021



July 1, 2021

TO: Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

FROM: Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager   
Disability Retirement Services Division

FOR: July 1, 2021 Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE THE APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION  
APPEAL OF MARTHA F. DELGADO**

Ms. Martha F. Delgado applied for service-connected disability retirement on September 11, 2013. On May 21, 2015, the Board granted her application for service-connected disability retirement.

Ms. Delgado's attorney filed a timely Application for Correction Appeal regarding the effective date of the applicant's service-connected disability retirement. On June 11, 2021, Ms. Delgado's attorney advised LACERA that the applicant wished to withdraw her appeal to request an earlier effective date.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Dismiss with prejudice Martha F. Delgado's Application for Correction Appeal for an earlier effective date.

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Delgado, Martha F.docx

Attachment

NOTED AND REVIEWED:



Francis J. Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel

Date: 7/1/21



July 1, 2021

TO: Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

FROM: Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager   
Disability Retirement Services Division

FOR: July 15, 2021 Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE THE APPEAL OF RICHARD VASQUEZ  
(DEC'D); SURVIVING SPOUSE: LAURA PEREZ-VASQUEZ**

Mr. Richard Vasquez applied for a service-connected disability retirement on March 31, 2017. On May 1, 2019, the Board denied his application for service-connected disability retirement and granted him a nonservice-connected disability retirement.

Mr. Vasquez filed a timely appeal and subsequently passed away. His surviving spouse, Laura Perez-Vasquez, is representing the deceased in this appeal. On June 24, 2021, Ms. Perez-Vasquez advised LACERA that she no longer wished to proceed with the appeal for a service-connected disability retirement.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Dismiss with prejudice Laura Perez-Vasquez', surviving spouse of Richard Vasquez, appeal for a service-connected disability retirement.

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Attachment

NOTED AND REVIEWED:

  
Francis J. Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel

Date: 7/1/21



July 1, 2021

**TO:** Each Trustee  
Board of Retirement

**FROM:** Francis J. Boyd   
Senior Staff Counsel

**FOR:** July 15, 2021, Board of Retirement Meeting

**SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF THE BOARD'S MEDICAL ADVISOR, VITO  
CAMPESE, M.D.**

Vito Campese, M.D., who has served as the Board of Retirement's Medical Advisor since July 2013, has decided to retire from his advisor's duties. He has served the Board admirably for the last eight years and will be missed. Dr. Campese will be present to advise the Board at its July 15, 2021, meeting.

Dr. Campese is employed by the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Health under the direction of Muntu Davis, M.D., the County's Health Officer, pursuant to Government Code section 31530 which instructs that "[t]he county health officer shall advise the board on medical matters and, if requested by the board, shall attend its meetings."

Government Code section 31732 allows the Board to "secure such medical, investigatory and other service and advice as is necessary" to carry out the processing of disability retirement applications. Though Section 31530 does not preclude the Board from contracting with a physician in private practice to serve as its Medical Advisor under Section 31732, Sections 31530 and 31732 are currently in the process of being amended under Senate Bill 634 to clarify this practice.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Campese, the office of the Department of Public Health has selected Glenn R. Ehresmann, M.D., to replace him as the Medical Advisor on an interim basis. Dr. Ehresmann is expected to serve as the Medical Advisor for approximately 10 to 12 months while arrangements can be made for a permanent replacement. Before selecting a permanent replacement, the Department of Public Health will wait to see if the Board of Retirement decides to contract with a physician in private practice to serve as its Medical Advisor under the statutory amendments contained in Senate Bill 634. This matter will be brought to the Board if the amendments under Senate Bill 634 are signed into law.

Each Trustee, Board of Retirement

July 1, 2021

Re: Retirement of the Board's Medical Advisor, Vito Campese, M.D.

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Glenn R. Ehresmann, M.D. is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology and is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. As noted above, he was recommended by Dr. Campese and is well qualified to serve as the Board's Medical Advisor. A copy of Dr. Ehresmann's Curriculum Vitae is attached for the Board's review. At the time of this writing, Dr. Ehresmann is going through the County's hiring process (background check, medical examination, etc.). He is expected to be available for the August 12, 2021, Board of Retirement meeting.

LACERA is thankful for Dr. Campese's service as the Board's Medical Advisor, and wishes him a long and healthy retirement.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven P. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Attachment

FJB:mb

CURRICULUM VITAE

A. Personal Information:

Name Glenn R. Ehresmann, M.D.  
Business Address Division of Rheumatology  
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B. Education:

College or University University of California Riverside, B.S., 1969  
Medical School California College of Medicine, Irvine, CA, M.D., 1973  
Residency LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1973– 1976  
Fellowship LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1976– 1978  
Honors and Awards Regents Scholar, California College of Medicine, Irvine,  
CA, 1968  
Regents Scholar, University of California, Riverside,  
CA, 1972  
Licensure California

C. Professional Background:

Academic Appointments

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2016–Present

Associate Professor of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 1985–2016

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 1978–1985

Clinical Administrative Appointments

Chief of Staff, USC University Hospital Los Angeles, CA, 2009-2011

Medical Director, Rehabilitation Services, USC University Hospital, Los Angeles, CA, 1991–2008

Chair, Department of Medicine, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA, 1991

Vice Chair, Department of Medicine, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA, 1989–1990

Medical Director of Rehabilitation Services, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA, 1979–1991

Specific Teaching Responsibilities

Chronic Fatigue and Fibromyalgia. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Southern California Family Medicine Course: Common problems in primary care 2002, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2/12/2002

Specific Administrative Responsibilities

Chair, Southern California Arthritis Foundation, Allied Health Professionals Fellowship Committee, Los Angeles, CA, 1988

Chief of Staff, USC University Hospital, Los Angeles, CA 04/01/2009-present

Other

Clinical Investigator, Amiprilose hydrochloride in treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1985

Clinical Investigator, Auranofin in treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, LAC+USC Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 1981–1983

C. Service

a. Society Memberships

Professional

American College of Physicians  
American College of Rheumatology  
Arthritis Foundation, Southern California Chapter

University/Other Committees

Infection Prevention, Keck Hospital, Los Angeles, CA 2016-Present  
Department of Medicine Electronic Health Record Committee, USC Care, Los Angeles, CA

E. Research Activities:

Inventions

USC 2566A Caprine Arthritis-Encephalitis Virus Provides Immunoprotection against HIV-1 Infection@-, 1999  
USC 2603A Method for Diagnosing CAEV Infection@-, 1999

Research Grants

1. Enbrel (Etanercept) 50 mg, Immunex, Principal Investigator, \$1,600 2005-2007

F. Invited Lectures:

(selected)

Advances in arthritis pain management. Educational Conference, Citrus Valley Medical Center, Queen of the Valley Campus, West Covina, CA, 11/9/2001.  
Update on management of osteoarthritis. Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, KingDrew, Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 11/20/2001.  
Acute pain. Educational Conference Gardena Community Hospital, Gardena, CA, 1/23/2002.  
Musculoskeletal disorders: Fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue. 2<sup>nd</sup> North American Women's Healthcare Forum, Foundation for Better Health Care, Anaheim, CA, 3/1/2002.  
Cardiovascular and renal effects of COX II inhibitors and other antirheumatic therapies. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Mauna Kea, HI, 3/4/2002.  
Novel therapies for rheumatic disease: Stem cell transplantation, IVIG therapy, photophoresis, prasorba column, needle-based arthroscopy. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Mauna Kea, HI, 3/4/2002.  
Update on tumor necrosis factors, inhibition and other cytokine therapy for arthritis and related conditions: New products, oral, IV and new indications. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine, Keck School of

- Medicine, University of Southern California, Mauna Kea, HI, 3/4/2002.
- Acute pain. Educational Conference Little Company of Mary-San Pedro, San Pedro, CA, 5/14/2002.
- Fracture prevention: The goal of osteoporosis management. Family Practice Educational Lecture, San Dimas Medical Group, San Dimas, CA, 6/13/2002.
- Treatment of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Geriatrics Grand Rounds, Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center, Los Angeles, CA, 6/15/2002.
- Advances in the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Educational Conference, West Hollywood Primary Care Physicians, West Hollywood, CA, 9/11/2003.
- Osteoporosis. California Association of Nurse Practitioners. Calabasas, CA, 11/12/2003.
- The New Advances in the Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis. The Alliance for Better Bone Health, Burbank, CA, 11/13/2003.
- Monoarthritis, Issues in Diagnosis and Management, Update. Regional Physical Medicine Meeting, Southern California Kaiser Permanente, 11/14/2003.
- Osteoarthritis. Lecture for Medical Staff of Anaheim Memorial Medical Center, Anaheim, CA, 5/11/2004.
- Rheumatology. In-service for Monterey Park Hospital, Monterey Park, CA, 5/25/2004.
- Management of Acute Pain in Adults. Dinner Program, Pfizer, Bakersfield, CA, 6/1/2004.
- Emerging Concepts in Rheumatoid Arthritis Diagnosis and Management: A Shared Responsibility Between Primary Care Physicians and Rheumatologists. Educational Lecture, Pfizer, Costa Mesa, CA, 6/2/2004.
- Advances in Arthritis Pain Management. Educational Conference, Irvine Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Irvine, CA, 6/23/2004.
- Manage Pain and Protect Against NSAID-Related GI Complications, Educational Lecture. Pico Rivera, CA, 6/24/2004.
- Anti-inflammatory drugs and arthritis management. Medical Grand Rounds, Martin Luther King Hospital, Los Angeles, CA, 1/26/2005.
- Cardiovascular risk and anti-inflammatory medications. Harbor UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 3/29/2005.
- COX-2 and Cardiovascular Safety, Long Beach, CA, 3/31/05
- The heart and NSAID therapies. Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA, 6/21/2005.
- The heart and NSAID therapies. Arcadia Methodist Hospital, Arcadia, 6/30/2005.
- The Role of TNF-inhibitors in Spondylo-arthropathies, Kansas, Kansas City, 9/14/05.
- The Role of TNF-inhibitors in Spondylo-arthropathies, Kansas City, Kansas, 9/15/05.
- /05
- Osteoporosis. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine Program. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/8/06.

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NSAIDS and COX-2s. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal  
Medicine Program. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine  
of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/9/06.

Back Pain: Current Diagnosis and Management. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and  
Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine Program. Office of Continuing  
Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/9/06.

Rheumatoid Arthritis:2006. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in  
Internal Medicine Program. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of  
Medicine of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/10/06.

Arthritis Pain Management. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in  
Internal Medicine Program. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of  
Medicine of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/10/06.

Fibromyalgia. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal  
Medicine Program. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine  
of USC Hawaii, HI, 3/10/06.

Arthrocentesis. Annual USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of  
Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 8/6/07.

Rheumatoid Arthritis: Early Diagnosis. Annual USC Refresher Course in  
Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC.  
Maui, HA, 8/6/07

Management of Osteoarthritis of the Knee. Annual USC Refresher Course in  
Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC.  
Maui, HA, 8/7/07.

Muscle Pain: Inflammatory vs Non-inflammatory Causes. Annual USC Refresher  
Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of  
Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 8/8/07.

Osteoporosis Options 2007. Annual USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of  
Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 8/9/07.

Cardiovascular Concerns Relating to Anti-inflammatories. Educational  
Conference. Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center. Inglewood, CA,  
10/2/07.

Update of Therapies for Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis. Seminar  
2007. California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Palm Springs, CA  
10/20/07.

Rheumatoid Arthritis: Treat to Target. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual USC Diagnostic and  
Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine,  
Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA 3/13/12.

Arthritis, Common and Problem Cases. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual USC Diagnostic and  
Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine,  
Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA 3/14/12.

Rheumatology Roundtable. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual USC Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills  
in Internal Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of  
Medicine of USC. Maui, HA 3/14/12.

Vasculitis, Lupus Erythematosus: Update and Treatment. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual USC  
Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine. Office of  
Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA 3/15/12.

Gout: An Old Disease with New Issues. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual USC Diagnostic and Therapeutic Skills in Internal Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA 3/16/12. Challenging Rheumatology Cases. 55<sup>th</sup> USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 7/23/2012.

Rheumatoid Arthritis: New and Emerging Options. 55<sup>th</sup> USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 7/24/2012.

NSAIDs: Choices and Challenges. 55<sup>th</sup> USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 7/25/2012.

Gout: An Old Disease with New Issues. 55<sup>th</sup> USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 7/26/2012.

Osteoarthritis: Improving Management of Pain and Mobility. 55<sup>th</sup> USC Refresher Course in Medicine. Office of Continuing Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC. Maui, HA, 7/26/2012.

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July 6, 2021

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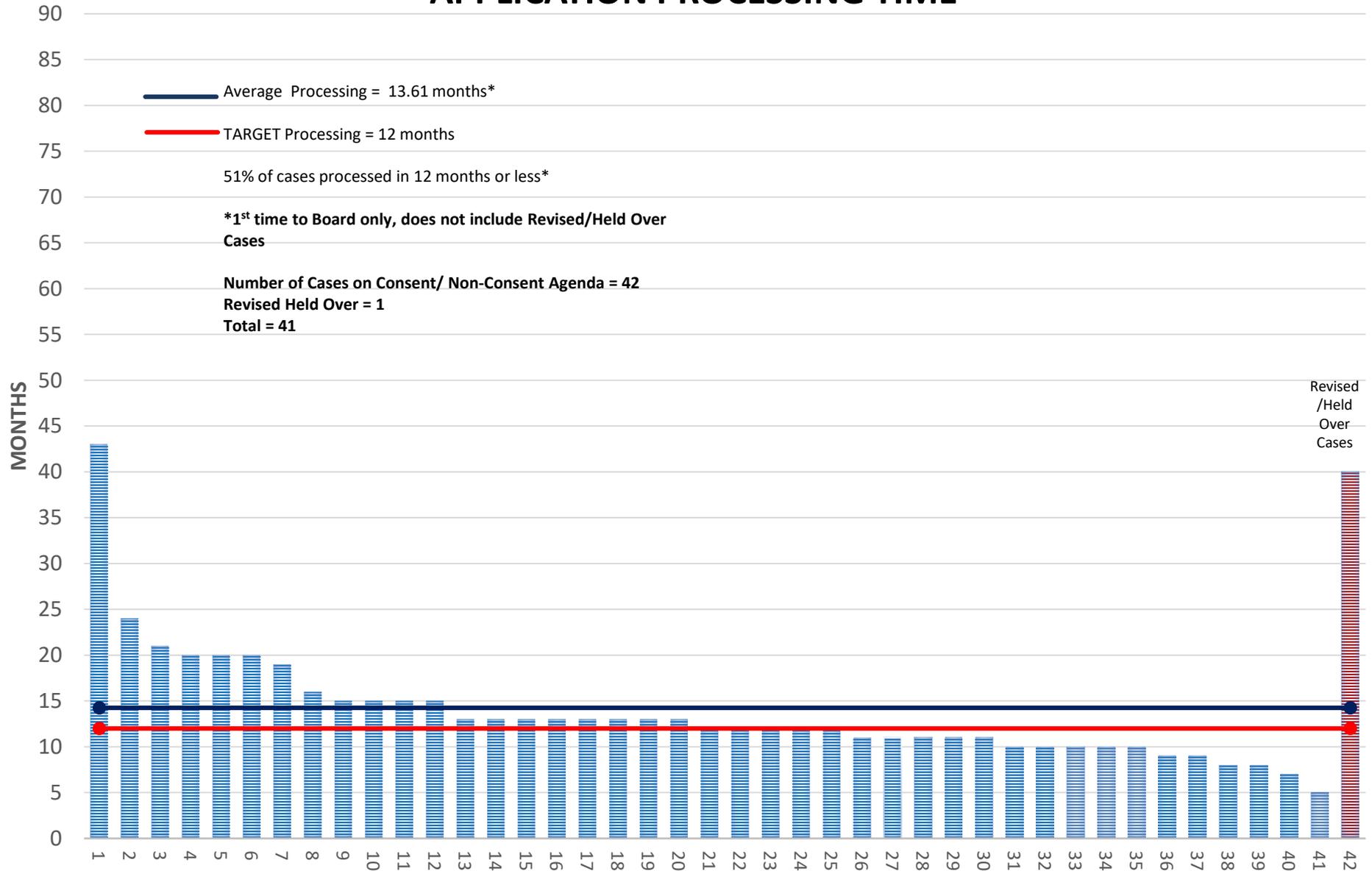
FOR: July 15, 2021, Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports**

The following chart shows the total processing time from receipt of the application to the first Board action for all cases on the July 15, 2021, Disability Retirement Applications Agenda.

<b>Consent &amp; Non-Consent Calendar</b>	
Number of Applications	41
Average Processing Time (in Months)	13.61
<b>Revised/Held Over Calendar</b>	
Number of Applications	1
Processing Time Per Case (in Months)	Case 1 40
<b>Total Average Processing Time All <u>42</u> Cases on Agenda</b>	
	14.24

# DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME



As of June 30, 2021

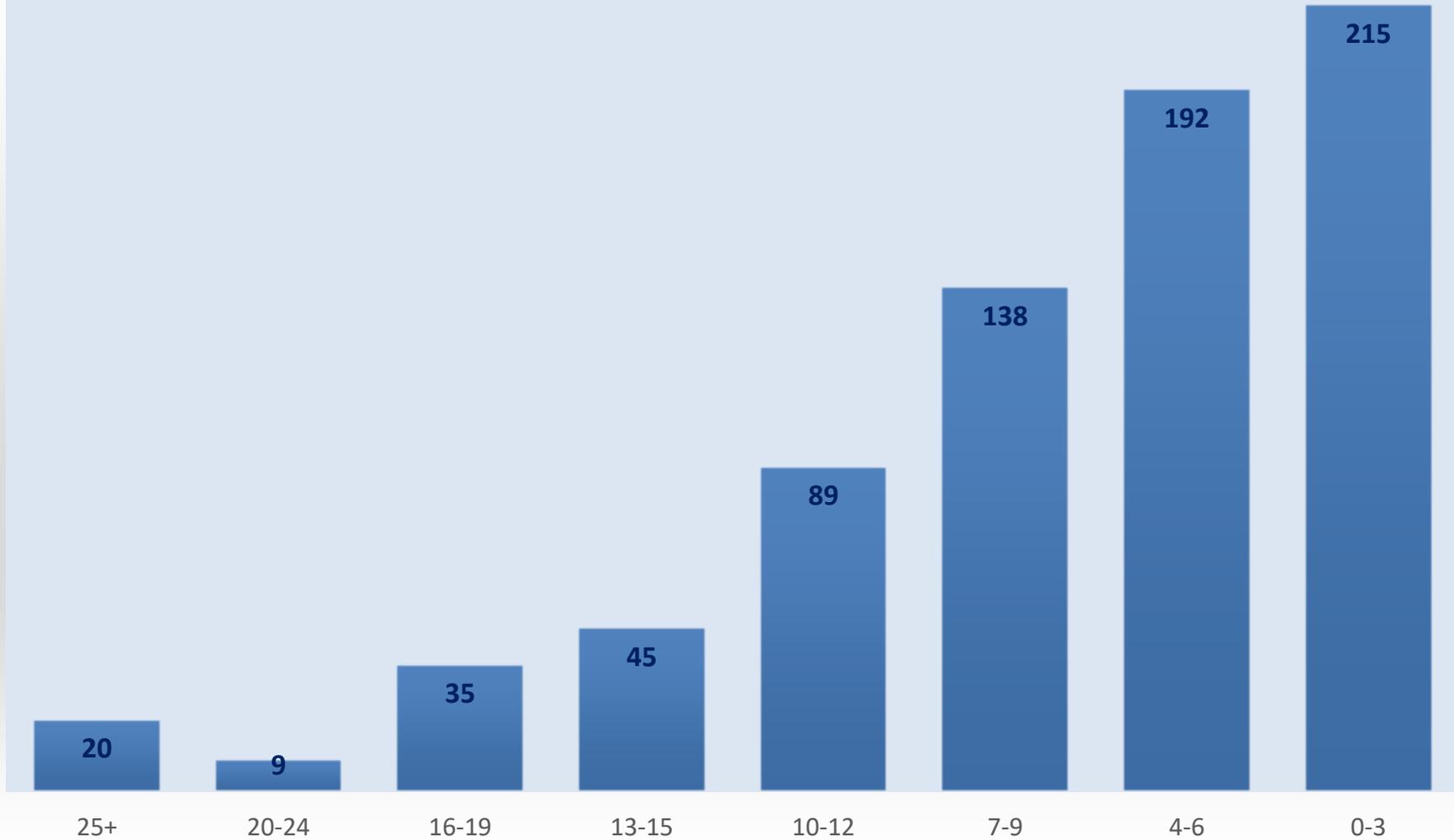
JULY 15, 2021 AGENDA

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# DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES PENDING APPLICATIONS/TIME INTERVALS

Total Pending Cases = 743

NUMBER OF PENDING APPLICATIONS



As of June 30, 2021



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