

APPROVED

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, JULY 15, 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 (Participated at 10:19 a.m.)

Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair

Shawn R. Kehoe

Keith Knox

Wayne Moore

Ronald Okum

William Pryor (Alternate Safety) (Left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.)

Les Robbins

ABSENT: Gina Zapanta, Secretary

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Herman Santos

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

John Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Jonathan Grabel, Chief Investment Officer

Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor

Johanna Fontenot, Senior Staff Counsel

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

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 Ms. Gray at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Pryor seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2021. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Santos, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

(For Information Purposes Only)

Mr. Kreimann updated the Board on the status of staff's return to work plan that is set to be planned for mid-September. In addition, the election for General Members of the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments is coming up

on August 5, 2021 and communication to members has been provided to share that the election will be conducted online and over the phone only. Lastly, Mr. Kreimann introduced new Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Luis A. Lugo.

V. 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, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
487D	KYLE G. COX
488D	JOSEPH S. FREY
489D	MICHAEL A. GONZALES
490D	MICHAEL S. O'SHEA

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
491D	REGINA E. GATHRIGHT
492D*	BRADY R. KLINE
493D	GERARDO A. PACHUCA
494D	WILLIAM H. DUNKIN
495D	AGUSTIN C. FLORES
496D	BRITTA M. KJELLSTAND
497D	DEMARKUS F. SMITH
498D	MARK P. WINN
499D	MICHAEL S. DEEGAN
500D*	TIMOTHY B. MILLIMAN
501D	BRIAN E. RICHARDSON
502D*	JOHN W. MCCLURE
503D**	DANIEL J. BUJER
504D**	STEVEN J. MILLS
505D**	MICHAEL I. ASCOLESE
506D**	CIPRIANO R. NAINGGOLAN

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Retroactive

V. 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, Kehoe, Robbins, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1367B	MICHAEL C. FREEMAN
1368B	HERBERT E. JOHNSON, JR.
1369B	JENNIFER L. THEOBARON
1370B	ERIC W. STRATTON
1371B	WADE D. ELLIOTT
1372B	CHARLES R. MURRAY
1373B	RICHARD F. GARCIA
1374B	CASE NUMBERED INCORRECTLY
1375B	KELLY L. ABADIE
1376B	ROY D. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Okum, seconded by Ms. Gray, 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, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2250C*	WARDELL M. TINSLEY
2251C**	ALBA MONTIEL
2252C**	LENA LUO
2253C**	CHENELL M. WOOTEN
2254C*	MARY RAPHAEL YBARRA
2255C	SHARON L. DUPREE
2256C	GERALD A. WASHINGTON
2257C***	ROSA DELA SERNA
2258C**	HARRY WONG

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Salary Supplemental

***Granted SCD – Retroactive Since Employer Cannot Accommodate

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

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

- 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. Clarke'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

There were no 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)

Mr. Boyd and Dr. Campese were present to answer questions from the Board.

- B. For Information Only as submitted Tamara L. Caldwell, Acting Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated May 24, 2021)

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

IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no items for staff review.

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

The Board and staff thanked Dr. Campese for his service on the Board and wished him the best in retirement. Mr. Moore requested additional information regarding the Pre-Employment/Post Offer medical examination process.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5192B – CAMILLE PADILLA

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Knox 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 Mr. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kehoe, Robbins, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5193B – DREUSHON N. JONES

Pulled by staff for further development.

5194B – VARNETTE M. CONNORS

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Sections 31720 and 31724. The motion passed (roll call) with Mr. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kehoe, Robbins, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

5095B – VIVIAN JASSO

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed (roll call) with Mr. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kehoe, Robbins, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

B. Disability Retirement Appeals (Mr. Pryor left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

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

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement. The motion passed (roll call) with Mr. Knox, Santos, Okum, Kheoe, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

(Mr. Bernstein joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m.)

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

ETTA M. COLLIER – In Pro Per

Eugenia W. Der for the respondent

Mr. Knox made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed (roll call) with Mr. Knox, Santos, Robbins, Okum, Kehoe, Bernstein, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Signature on File

GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

Signature on File

ALAN BERNSTEIN, CHAIR