

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 1:32 P.M. – 1:52 P.M.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Vivian H. Gray, Chair  
William de la Garza, Vice Chair  
William R. Pryor  
Les Robbins  
Yves Chery, Alternate

ABSENT: Alan Bernstein  
Shawn R. Kehoe

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

David L. Muir  
Ronald A. Okum  
Anthony Bravo  
Vito M. Campese, M.D.

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

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| Gregg Rademacher   | Ricki Contreras  |
| Steven Rice        | Tamara Caldwell  |
| Vincent Lim        | Kerri Wilson     |
| Eugenia Der        | Debbie Semannian |
| Allison E. Barrett | Sandra Cortez    |
| Frank Boyd         | Angie Guererro   |

ATTORNEYS

Thomas J. Wicke  
Michael Treger

GUEST SPEAKER

None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gray at 1:32 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2015

Mr. de la Garza made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Follow up on Performance Review – Michael Mahdad, M.D., Board Certified Neurologist

At the committee request, Dr. Campese reviewed Dr. Mahdad's medical reports. Dr. Campese found the reports to be sloppy, inconsistent, and conclusionary.

Ms. Gray advised staff not to send members to Dr. Mahdad and have staff produce a policy. Outlining the process to remove physicians from the LACERA panel of examining physicians.

Ms. Contreras agreed to draw up a staff level policy that includes sending a termination notice.

B. Transcript Request for Disability Retirement Appeals

Ms. Gray approved the motion to hold this item over to the next Disability Procedures and Services Committee Meeting to permit Mr. Bernstein to be present as he initially requested the item be placed on the agenda.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. de la Garza thanked Dr. Campese for evaluating Dr. Mahdad's reports.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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