

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, April 6, 2016, 1:33 P.M. – 1:48 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Ronald A. Okum
Anthony Bravo
Shawn R. Kehoe
Joseph Kelly
William Pryor
Vito M. Campese, M.D.

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Gregg Rademacher	Ricki Contreras	Darren Huey
JJ Popowich	Vickie Neely	Shamila Freeman
Steven Rice	Tamara Caldwell	Hernan Barrientos
Vincent Lim	Anna Kwan	Ricardo Salinas
Eugenia Der	James Pu	Ruby Minjares
Allison E. Barrett	Debbie Semnanian	Nichelle Porter
Frank Boyd	Mario Garrido	Danny Hang
Sandra Cortez	Debra Martin	Robert Hill
Angie Guererro	Marco Legaspi	Mike Herrera
Maria Muro	Marilu Bretado	Justin Stewart
Maisha Coulter	Karla Sarni	Barbara Tuncay
Michelle Yanes	Thomas Wicke	

ATTORNEYS
Thomas J. Wicke

GUEST SPEAKER
None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gray at 1:33 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2016

Mr. de la Garza made a motion, Mr. Chery seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed Changes to the Disability Retirement Appeals Agenda and Disability Retirement Appeal Summary.

Mr. Chery commented that this is a step in the right direction and although he will need to get adjusted to this, it is good to have this done formally and he commends staff for thinking out of the box.

Ms. Gray commended Ms. Sarni for doing a great job in putting items together related to the memo.

Mr. Kehoe asked that Attachment D – Disability Retirement Appeal Summary title, be more visible and for staff to make it stand out. Mr. Chery suggested to "bold face" the title.

Ms. Gray stated that Mr. Kehoe made a good comment because it would be easy to confuse the new "Appeal Summary" with a regular disability case.

Mr. Chery made a motion and Mr. Muir seconded, to approve the proposed changes to the Disability Retirement Appeals Agenda and Disability Retirement Appeal Summary.

B. Discussion regarding Panel Physician, Roy Caputo M.D., as requested by Mr. Shawn Kehoe, Board of Retirement Chairman.

Mr. Kehoe recommended to the Committee members to separate the relationship with Dr. Caputo.

Mr. Muir asked if Panel Physicians are on a year to year contract. Ms Contreras responded by stating that Panel Physicians are auto-renewed and Dr. Caputo has been a Panel Physician since 1995 and his current contract will expire June 1, 2016.

Mr. de la Garza asked for Dr. Campese's opinion on this matter as he feels that Dr. Caputo's reports are good.

Dr. Campese stated that he agrees with Committee in regards to releasing Dr. Caputo from Panel due to the Committee losing trust in Dr Caputo throughout the years. Mr. Kelly stated that Dr. Caputo needs to be informed that he will no longer be a Panel Physician.

Ms. Contreras stated that there are currently eight outstanding reports with Dr. Caputo and Disability Retirement Services staff is working with Dr. Caputo's staff to obtain those reports as soon as possible. Ms. Contreras asked the Committee members if it would be okay to allow Dr. Caputo to finish reports on current cases so that it does not create a hardship on the members. A few committee members stated that this would be okay.

Ms. Gray recapped and stated that the committee will accept the final eight reports from Dr. Caputo as they come and then end contract with Dr. Caputo and LACERA in June 2016.

Ms. Contreras will put together a memo for the Board of Retirement as a formal recommendation to send notice to Dr. Caputo to end contract at the end of fiscal year, June 2016. Committee members concurred with Ms. Contreras' recommendation.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Chery and Ms. Gray told Mr. Boyd to enjoy his break.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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