

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, July 5, 2017 10:25 A.M. – 10:38 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Vivian H. Gray, Chair
Marvin Adams, Vice Chair
Alan Bernstein
Ronald Okum

ABSENT: David Muir, Alternate

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Anthony Bravo
Shawn Kehoe

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

JJ Popowich
Steven Rice
Vincent Lim
Eugenia Der
Mike Herrera
Allison E. Barrett
Frank Boyd
Angie Guererro
Maria Muro
Michelle Yanes

Ricki Contreras
Vickie Neely
Anna Kwan
Robert Hill
Kerri Wilson
Mario Garrido
Marco Legaspi
Marilu Bretado
Thomas Wicke
Hernan Barrientos

Ricardo Salinas
Maria Silva
Jason Waller
Tamara Caldwell
Ruby Minjares
Shamila Freeman
Justin Stewart
Danny Hang
Russell IUrina
Darren Huey

ATTORNEYS
Thomas J. Wicke

GUEST SPEAKER
None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gray at 10:25 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2017

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. Policy Regarding Board-Ordered Second Medical Opinions

Ms. Contreras informed committee members that the Policy Regarding Board-Ordered Second Medical Opinions currently states that a case must be authorized by the board after staff has received at least one initial supplemental report from the panel physician.

Mr. Kelly asked if the quality assurance of panel physicians is an issue and is that why Board-Ordered Second Medical Opinions are being requested. Mr. Boyd replied by stating that if staff determines that there is additional information needed, a supplemental report will be requested. Furthermore, Ms. Contreras stated that the Panel Physicians Guidelines are going to be revised in the near future and will be brought to the Disability Procedures and Services Committee as an agenda item.

Ms. Contreras stated that there are some changes that staff have been working on for a few years to revise disability forms and these changes will also be brought to the committee and board for their input.

Ms. Gray suggested for staff to put together a brief informational video for new panel physicians and routinely suggest that the physicians watch this video at least yearly as a refresher course and Mr. Boyd and Ms. Contreras stated that this is a great idea and will be considered.

V. REPORT ON STAFF ACTION ITEMS

Committee members requested a copy of Board-Ordered Second Medical Opinions Policy to be distributed to the Board of Retirement members at the next Board of Retirement meeting.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Committee members stated that staff is doing a great job in putting reports together.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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