

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, DECEMBER 12, 2019

PRESENT: Alan Bernstein, Chair
Les Robbins, Vice Chair
Vivian H. Gray
JP Harris (Alternate Retired)
Shawn R. Kehoe
Keith Knox
Ronald Okum
William Pryor (Alternate Safety)
Herman Santos
Thomas Walsh

ABSENT: Gina Zapanta, Secretary

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer
Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel
John Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer
Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor
Ricki Contreras, Division Manager
Disability Retirement Services

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Bernie Buenaflor, Benefits Division Manager

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Tamara Caldwell, Specialist Supervisor
Disability Retirement Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bernstein at 9:40 a.m., in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kehoe led the Trustees and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 21, 2019

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 21, 2019. The motion passed with Mr. Robbins abstaining.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE
(For information purposes only)

Mr. Kreimann provided a brief update on the Board of Investments meeting that took place on November 20, 2019 and answered questions from the Board. He also recognized and thanked Araceli Gamboa and Marilu Bretado for organizing this year's Adopt-A-

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE (Continued)
(For information purposes only)

Family, as well as David Bayha for dressing up as Santa Clause for the event. Lastly, he shared that in order to provide the CEO's 100 day assessment and strategic plan for the future, the 2020 Board Offsite will be held on Tues., April 28 and Wed., April 29 instead of in January.

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, 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:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
124D	ANDRES C. SENDIS
125D	GEORGE A. BETOR, JR.
126D*	MICHAEL A. DAVIS
127D	MICHAEL W. VOGEL
128D	CEDRIC R. CLAYTON
129D	GREGORY P. NELSON
130D*	TORI L. JORDAN
131D	MARTHA Y. BURBA

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement

Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
132D	MICHAEL D. RANDENBERG
133D*	MICHAEL R. INGE
134D	SCOTT B. ORR
135D	JOHN L. CLARK
136D	NATASHA S. HANNA
137D*	MICHAEL R. CAPRIOLI
138D	CHARLES J. MOYLAN
139D	MARK W. MARTINOVICH
140D	MIREYA VERDUGO
141D	TERENCE P. SCUOLER
142D	MARTHA O. KENNISON
143D	ALLEN R. DOLLENS
144D**	TAI PLUNKETT
145D	ANDREW T. LYNCH
146D	STEVE J. WYATT
147D	HENRY L. MOLINAR, JR.

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR
(Continued)

Safety Fire, Lifeguards
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Robbins, 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:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1179B	JOHN K. NEESE
1180B	GREGORY C. HITCHCOCK
1181B	MARK R. SULLIVAN
1182B	MARCUS A. BESTWICK
1183B	DAVID M. MURRIETTA
1184B	ARTHUR L. SUDDETH
1185B	LEON D. ROSBOROUGH
1186B	DONALD F. RIVAS
1187B	TIMOTHY E. BUSHROW
1188B	DAVID J. AVILA

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR
(Continued)

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Okum, seconded by Mr. Knox, 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:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2028C	BRIAN K. TISCHLER
2029C*	CHARLES D. BEDFORD
2030C**	LIZA MARIE PEREZ
2031C****/*****	NICOLE D. BELL
2032C*	LUZ A. RESTREPO
2033C**	ROCHELLE GOFF
2034C	KAREN M. DOOLEY
2035C*****	DENNY SUNABE (DEC'D)
2036C	JAMES B. BROWN
2037C*	GREGORY WILLIAMS
2038C**	DAVID DIMES
2039C	LALEH L. ALIABADI

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

***Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

****Applicant Present

*****Granted SCD- Survivor Benefits

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Bernie Buenaflor, Benefits Division Manager: That the Board 1) Determine, based upon medical evaluation conducted October 11, 2019, that Stephen R. Whitmore is not incapacitated for the duties assigned to him in the position of Special Assistant, Assessor; and 2) Grant the application of Stephen R. Whitmore for reinstatement to active membership. (Memo dated November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously by all Trustees present.

VI. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated November 25, 2019)

This Item were received and filed.

IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

The Board provided topic suggestions for the Board Offsite that included common medical terminology and budget strategy. In addition, the Board requested that staff reach out to the Board regarding the details as it relates to the 2020 Board Offsite.

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

Mr. Boyd recognized Senior Staff Counsel, Steve Tallant, who recently passed.

Lastly, Mr. Bernstein thanked Supervisor Kuehl for his appointment on the Board of Retirement.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5112B – MAYEDEAN B. TURNER

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.

5113B – VERDIA HAMILTON

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Pryor seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.

5114B – SANDRA CORRAL

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant ineligible. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.

5115B – MAX MADRID*

Mr. Pryor made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720.

Ms. Gray made a substitute motion, Mr. Santos second, to refer back to staff for further development. The motion failed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox,

*Applicant Present

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5115B – MAX MADRID (Continued)

Okum, Walsh, Robbins, Kehoe, Bernstein voting no; and Mr. Santos and Ms. Gray voting yes.

The motion to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720 passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Walsh, Robbins, Kehoe, Bernstein voting yes; and Mr. Santos and Ms. Gray voting no.

5010B – PATRICIA DELGADO

Mr. Knox made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to deny a service connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.

Without objection, the motion was reconsidered.

Mr. Kehoe made a substitute motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to deny a service connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated without prejudice. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5032B – AMBER K. CLAYTON

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720 since the employer cannot accommodate. The motion passed by all trustees present.

6501A – KIMBERLY H. CHUNG

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Bernstein seconded, to approve the service connected disability retirement to continue. The motion passed by all trustees present.

6894A – ANDREA M. JACKSON

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to approve the service connected disability retirement to continue. The motion passed by all trustees present.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (b) of California Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Chief Counsel

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (b) of California Government Code Section 54957. There was nothing to report.

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Green Folder Information (Information distributed in each Trustees Green Folder at the beginning of the meeting)

1. Item XII. A. Closed Session/Chief Counsel Performance Evaluation (Privileged and Confidential)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Signature on File

GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

Signature on File

ALAN BERNSTEIN, CHAIR