

**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, JUNE 11, 2020**

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Retirement by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

PRESENT: Herman Santos, Chair

Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair

Gina Zapanta, Secretary

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Shawn R. Kehoe

Keith Knox

Wayne Moore

Ronald Okum

William Pryor (Alternate Safety)

Les Robbins

Thomas Walsh

**STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS**

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

John Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Allison Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Ricki Contreras, Division Manager  
Disability Retirement Services

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Kerri Wilson, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Ricardo Salinas, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Anna Kwan, Senior Disability Retirement Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Santos at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

III. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE  
(For Information Purposes Only)

Mr. Kreimann provided an update regarding the transition plan for staff and member facing divisions. In addition, an update on virtual member counseling was provided.

Additional information will be provided at the joint Board meeting scheduled for June 24, 2020.

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement  
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, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Kehoe, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
235D	MIKE MOURSALIAN
236D*	GREGORY S. MEYER
237D	VIVIAN D. MAY
238D	ERIC G. ALLEN
239D**	JILL B. DESCHAMPS
240D	JAVIER A. MACIAS
241D**	JUDY A. GERHARDT
242D**	ALFONSO H. GARCIA
243D	HANNA G. ISSA
244D	YOLANDA L. CLAY
245D	MARK E. CAMPBELL

\* Granted SCD Retroactive – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
246D	DAVID S. SCHEINFARB
247D	DARREN J. WILLIAMS
248D*	JASON W. PEARSON
249D**	JOSEPH H. STEPHEN
250D**	ESTEVAN R. MARTINEZ
251D	MARTHA M. GENEM
252D	STEVEN J. MARELLA
253D	MANUEL R. FLORES, JR.
254D	MARK J. DESMARTEAU
255D	GILBERT Y. ARAKAWA
256D	CAROLYN T. GALLOBRUNO
257D**	PATRICK J. VALDEZ

\* Granted SCD – 2 Year Review

\*\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Pryor, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, 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, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Pryor, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1243B	RUBEN REYNA, JR.
1244B*	BLAKE P. JONES
1245B	JACK L. HAYNES
1246B*	RUSSELL M. KOSHIMIZU
1247B	JOSEPH A. GANDARA
1248B	MARK B. ROBERTS
1249B	MICHAEL R. MEEZAN
1250B	RICHARD M. RODRIGUES
1251B	GONZALO H. SALGADO
1252B	MARK D. WHALING (PULLED AT THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST)
1253B*	JUDSON KADING

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Knox, seconded by Mr. Okum, 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, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Kehoe, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2091C*	PAUL L. BIREN
2092C**	LINUS O. AMAH
2093C*	CHARLOTTE D. SMITH
2094C***	ALMA TAMAYO
2095C***	PATRICIA SANCHEZ
2096C**	MANUEL J. DAMOLE
2097C	STACEY L. MCNEELY
2098C***	NANCY N. WAMBAA

\* Granted SCD Retroactive

\*\* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\*\* Granted SCD Retroactive – Employer Cannot Accommodate

## V. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Knox made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to approve the following items. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Kehoe, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant the appeals and request for an administrative hearing for applicants Denise Jackson and Michael J. Clinkunbroomer. (Memo dated May 28, 2020)
- B. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Marcus Freidemann's appeal for a service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated May 19, 2020)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Maria B. Arredondo's Application for Correction appeal for an earlier effective date. (Memo dated May 22, 2020)
- D. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Rose K. Machado's Application for Correction appeal for an earlier effective date. (Memo dated May 19, 2020)

## VI. EXCLUDED CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items excluded.

## VII. REPORTS

The following items were received and filed.

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated May 26, 2020)
- B. For Information Only as submitted by Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel, regarding the Executive Order N-62-20: Workers' Compensation COVID-19 Presumption. (Memo dated May 22, 2020)

VIII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no items to report.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER  
(For information purposes only)

There were no comments to report.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5138B – PORTLAND B. HOLMES

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Moore seconded, to refer back to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Santos, Walsh, Moore, Knox, Ms. Zapanta, Ms. Gray voting yes; and Messrs. Kehoe and Okum voting no. Mr. Robbins was not available for the vote due to technical difficulties.

5086B – SHARON D. JOHNSON

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Santos, Walsh, Moore, Knox, Kehoe, Okum, Harris, Ms. Zapanta, Ms. Gray voting yes.

5130B –DANNY T. HAN

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a nonservice connected disability retirement. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Santos, Walsh, Moore, Knox, Kehoe, Okum, Harris, Ms. Zapanta, Ms. Gray voting yes.



X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION  
(Continued)

B. Staff Recommendations

1. Recommendation as submitted by Allison E. Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel: That the Board (1) Find that David A. Reynoso delayed filing his application for disability retirement because he was unable to ascertain the permanency of his incapacity until after the day following his last day of regular compensation; (2) That his application be deemed filed on the day after his last day of regular compensation in accordance with Government Code section 31724; and (3) That he is entitled to the option of an earlier effective date. (Memo dated May 21, 2020)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Walsh, Moore, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9)

1. Steven M. Dunner v. Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section

54956.9. There was nothing to report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

*Signature on File*

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GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

*Signature on File*

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HERMAN SANTOS, CHAIR