

**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, JULY 9, 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**

**(Joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. and left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.)**

**JP Harris (Alternate Retired)**

**Keith Knox**

**Wayne Moore**

**Ronald Okum**

**William Pryor (Alternate Safety)**

**Thomas Walsh**

**ABSENT: Shawn R. Kehoe**

**Les Robbins**

**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 (Continued)

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Allison Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Eugenia Der, Senior Staff Counsel

Jason Waller, Senior Staff Counsel

Vincent Lim, Disability Litigation Manager

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

Amabelle Delin, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2020

Mr. Harris made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2020. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

(For Information Purposes Only) (Ms. Zapanta joined the meeting)

Mr. Kreimann shared that staff is in contact with the County providing them general member demographics and employee program information as it relates to the County budget. In addition, Mr. Kreimann shared that in the upcoming weeks he will be sharing the management goals and plan to achieve those goals. Furthermore, staff has purchased additional laptops to be used by staff working remotely. Lastly, questions from members regarding the upcoming LACERA election were addressed and staff has reached out to the Register Records Office for a response.

V. 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. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

APPLICATION NO.

258D\*

NAME

SANDRA S. NAVA

\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
259D*	JOHN A. WEST
260D*	KRISTI J. YEAGER
261D	RAYE D. MORALES
262D	DAVID C. CARLSON
263D	ANDREW S. NAGEL
264D	PETER LAVIN
265D	CHARLES F. CABARRUBIAS
266D**	JONATHAN S. PERA
267D	DEBORAH L. TREJO
268D	DAWN D. RICKART
269D	RONALD G. DUCAT
270D	SYLVESTOR WEATHERSPOON, JR.
271D	TIMOTHY R. JIMENEZ
272D	HOLLY M. PEREZ
273D	MARY D. CUEVA
274D	KRISTIAN ZAVALZA
275D	RICHARD R. DORAY

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

\*\*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
276D*	BRAD L. JOHNSON
277D*	ALBERT M. ORTIZ
278D	RICHARD J. HARPHAM
279D	CURT B. STARZ

Safety Fire, Lifeguards  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1254B	DANIEL P. STEINDLBERGER
1255B	CHRIS J. YOUNG
1256B	DAVID S. FRANZBLAU
1257B	GUY C. GIFFIN
1258B	JEFFREY A. LEE

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR  
(Continued)

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2100C*	TERESA ZEHDAR
2101C**	EDWARD D. LARA
2102C***	DEIDRE G. FORBES
2103C*	VI DI MON
2104C	AURORA D. NATIVIDAD
2105C**	ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ-GARCIA
2106C**	JOMARIE N. MARTINEZ
2107C	ROY L. PRICE

\* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\* Granted SCD - Retroactive

\*\*\* Granted SCD – Salary Supplemental

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR  
(Continued)

Safety Members

Nonservice-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Pryor, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve a nonservice-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. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos, Ms. Zapanta and Ms. Gray voting yes.

APPLICATION NO.

NAME

3015

CAROLINA E. MENDOZA

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Harris seconded, to approve the following Consent Items. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, 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 Lovia J. Pitts and Marisol Morales. (Memo dated June 25, 2020)
- B. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Samel L. Hardiman's appeal for a service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated June 26, 2020)

VII. EXCLUDED CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items excluded.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated June 29, 2020)

Ms. Contreras was present to answer questions from the Board. This item was received and filed.

IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no items to report.

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

Mr. Knox introduced the Board and staff to Elizabeth Ginsberg, the new Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Ms. Gray encouraged the Board to participate in the SACRS webinar series and CII governance webinars.

Ms. Zapanta thanked staff for all their hard work and shared a webinar series she is hosting.

Mr. Grabel provided an update to the investment portfolio.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5139B – JOHN T. CAFFREY

Pulled by staff for further development.



XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5140B – MICHAEL J. CLAYTON

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Moore seconded, to refer back to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos and Ms. Gray.

5141B – PHILLIP D. SOLANO

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Walsh seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos and Ms. Gray.

5142B – DARLA ALEXANDER

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720 and 31724. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos and Ms. Gray.

1252B – MARK D. WHALING

Pulled at the request of the applicant.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5010B – PATRICIA DELGADO

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos and Ms. Gray.

5088B – TRAVIS C. WHITEAKER

Mr. Pryor made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Pryor, Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Harris, Santos and Ms. Gray.

B. Staff Recommendations

1. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant Stacey L. McNeely the option of an earlier effective date pursuant to Government Code Section 31724. (Memo dated June 22, 2020)

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

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

B. Staff Recommendations (Continued)

2. Recommendation as submitted by JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer: That the Board approve the service provider invoices for John Kent. (Memo dated June 27, 2020)

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**Signature on File**

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GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

**Signature on File**

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HERMAN SANTOS, CHAIR