

**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, OCTOBER 15, 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 9:10 a.m.)

Shawn R. Kehoe

Keith Knox

Wayne Moore

Ronald Okum

William Pryor (Alternate Safety)

Les Robbins

Thomas Walsh

ABSENT: JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

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

Vincent Lim, Disability Litigation Manager

Allison E. Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Eugenia W. Der, Senior Staff Counsel

Jason E. Waller, Senior Staff Counsel

Ricki Contreras, Disability Retirement Services Manager

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Hernan Barrientos, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Kerri Wilson, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

Ricardo Salinas, Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor

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 September 10, 2020

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Knox seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2020. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Kehoe, Santos, and Ms. Gray voting yes; and Mr. Robbins abstaining.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

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

Mr. Kreimann provided an update to the Executive level recruitment process.

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>          |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 318 D*                 | BILLY G. LOVELL, JR. |
| 319D                   | JOHN E. CARLOS       |
| 320D                   | SCOTT L. MCCORMICK   |
| 321D**                 | DAVID C. CHAMBERS    |
| 322D***                | SCOTT R. CHUPP       |
| 323D                   | RANDY G. NILES       |
| 324D*                  | SEAN A. BOOG         |

\* Granted SCD Retroactive –Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\* Granted SCD Retroactive

\*\*\* Granted SCD Salary Supplemental

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>        |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 325D                   | PHILLIP PEREZ, JR. |
| 326D                   | LUIS G. NUNEZ      |
| 327D*                  | DAVID P. WESSOL    |
| 328D**                 | SAIRA MARADIAGA    |
| 329D                   | GLENN J. JORIAN    |
| 330D                   | JAMES R. GRADY     |
| 331D                   | JOHN A. HUERTA     |
| 332D                   | YOLANDA ARTEAGA    |
| 333D*                  | IVAN N. CHAVEZ     |
| 334D                   | DARYL S. PEACOCK   |
| 335D                   | WILLIAM H. ROBERT  |
| 336D                   | AARON J. BARTSCH   |

\* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\* Granted SCD – Retroactive

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Pryor, 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, Pryor, Santos, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>             |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1276B                  | COREY A. MAGDALIK       |
| 1277B*                 | RUSSELL S. WEBER        |
| 1278B                  | GLEN M. STRATTON        |
| 1279B                  | JOHN C. MILLER          |
| 1280B                  | DANNY SILVA             |
| 1281B                  | JOSEPH T. GRAYSTON      |
| 1282B                  | RICHARD M. BURK         |
| 1283B*                 | DANNY K. NOVAK          |
| 1284B*                 | KENNETH A. WALTHER      |
| 1285B                  | JEFFREY M. SILVA        |
| 1286B                  | JOHN E. DAVIS           |
| 1287B*                 | JOSE R. MEDRANO         |
| 1288B                  | STEVEN G. SCHEIDEMANTLE |

\*Granted SCD – Retroactive

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Knox, seconded by Ms. Gray, 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, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>           |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2126C*                 | JACQUELYN L. HALL     |
| 2127C                  | CHRISTOPHER J. WAGNER |
| 2128C*                 | DERNIECE FULLER       |
| 2129C*                 | ROSALYN M. COLEMAN    |
| 2130C**                | CAROL D. DAVIS        |
| 2131C*                 | FILOMENA R. SINOGAYA  |
| 2132C*                 | ROBERT L. MITCHELL    |
| 2133C*                 | CARL L. IHRIG         |
| 2134C*                 | MARISOL FIEDLER       |
| 2135C***               | DARRYL C. ROSS        |
| 2136C                  | VIOLETA M. GONZALEZ   |

\* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\* Granted SCD Retroactive - Employer Cannot Accommodate

\*\*\* Granted SCD – Salary Supplemental

V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members (Continued)  
Service-Connected Disability Applications

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u>           |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2137C                  | NANCY REYNA           |
| 2138C                  | TERRI BOURGEOIS       |
| 2139C*                 | STACEY L. SCANTLEBURY |

General Members (Ms. Zapanta joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.)  
Nonservice-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Ms. Gray, 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>            |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4396                   | MARILYN ELLISON-ECHOLS |

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant the appeal and request for an administrative hearing for applicant Zaheer A. Uraizee. (Memo dated October 1, 2020)

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

\* Granted SCD – Salary Supplemental

VII. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by J.P. Harris, Chair, Disability Procedures and Services Committee: That the Board approve Martin Schlusberg, M.D., Esq. – Board Certified Pulmonologist to the LACERA Panel of Physicians for the purpose of examining disability retirement applicants. (Memo dated October 5, 2020)

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

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 October 5, 2020)

Ms. Contreras was present to answer questions from the Board.

IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no items to report.

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

There were no items during Good of the Order.

XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

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| <u>APPLICATION NO. &amp; NAME</u> | <u>BOARD ACTION</u> |
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| 317D – JOHN S. BENEDICT | Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Pryor seconded, to grant a retroactive service-connected disability retirement. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Kehoe, |
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XI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

317D – JOHN S. BENEDICT (Continued)

Okum, Walsh, Moore, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes; and Mr. Robbins voting no.

5150B – MITCHELL C. COHEN\*

Mr. Pryor 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. Knox, Kehoe, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Santos, Robbins, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

MARIE A. RUSSELL- Thomas J. Wicke for the Applicant  
Eugenia W. Der for the Respondent

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement since the employer cannot accommodate. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Kehoe, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Santos, Robbins, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

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HERMAN SANTOS, CHAIR