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LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 650, PASADENA, CA

AGENDA

A 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, JANUARY 14, 2021

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

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*The Board may take action on any item on the agenda,
and agenda items may be taken out of order.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE
(For Information Purposes Only)
- V. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- 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 Sharinna Johnson and Rebecca Ramirez. (Memo dated December 31, 2020)

VII. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services, regarding the Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports. (Memo dated December 31, 2020)

VIII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

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

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Title: Chief Counsel

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

Title: Chief Executive Officer

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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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 10, 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 (Left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

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

Jon Grabel, Chief Investment Officer

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. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public.

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

Mr. Kreimann recognized Gina Zapanta and Alan Bernstein on being re-appointed and appointment to the Board of Retirement, respectively. In addition, he provided an update that was received from Governor Newsom's Stay-at-Home orders, as well as updated guidelines received from the Los Angeles County Health Department.

III. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

Lastly, Mr. Kreimann shared that staff is looking into how to provide correspondence to members using mylacera.com. Additional information will be provided at the January 2021 Operations Oversight Committee.

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement
Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
349D	ALBERT LEYVA, JR.
350D	SALVADOR JASSO
351D	CHAD A. EITNER
352D	EDWARD G. SHERIDAN
353D	COLLEEN M. THOMPSON
354D	TERESA M. CHAVEZ
355D	ANTHONY SANTOS
356D*	JAMES E. BEAMON (DEC'D)

*Granted SCD – Survivor Benefit

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
357D	STEVE J. WOOLUM (DEC'D)
358D	ALOYSIUS L. BENNETT
359D	LOUIS P. BOOKOUT
360D	MICHAEL L. SIMMS
361D	SUZANNE M. GODDARD
362D	GEORGE E. SEMENEZ
363D*	MIGUEL MEJIA
364D**	MICHELLE L. PANKOW
365D*	SEAN R. GIBSON
366D	DIANE L. SUZUKI
367D*	ERIK D. RUBLE
368D	CHAD E. CONROY
369D*	JEFFREY L. SCROGGIN
370D	DAVID J. MAC NAIR
371D	NOAH J. KIRK
372D	NORMAN H. ZAGORSKI

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD with a 2-Year Review

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards
Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1299B	DAVID R. NICASSIO
1300B	JAVIER F. TORRES
1301B	ROBERT S. GIFFORD
1302B*	WILLIAM D. DOUGLASS, III
1303B	RONALD M. MASSIE
1304B	CHRIS E. BUNDESEN
1305B*	RUBEN D. TORREZ
1306B	RICHARD L. EISELE
1307B	WILLIAM J. MONAHAN
1308B	RODNEY S. EINFALT
1309B	HENRY L. RODRIGUEZ
1310B	RICARDO BALDERAS

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

IV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members (Continued)
Service-Connected Disability Applications

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

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2146C	MARTA J. NEGRON
2147C	CATALINA HERNANDEZ
2148C*	RAJAE S. BARNETT
2149C**	CHRISTOPHER N. STAFFORD
2150C**	DALJIT S. ARORA
2151C**	JUANITA WILLIAMS-MITCHELL
2152C**	ADRIANNE M. BROWN
2153C***	HELENE F. HANDLER
2154C*****	LA TONYA M. NEWMAN
2155C	GERALYN A. THOMAS
2156C*	KIMBERLY S. BIGGERS
2157C**	JOHNNY C. RANDALL, JR.

*Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

***Granted SCD Retroactive - Employer Cannot Accommodate

****Granted SCD – Retroactive

V. 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, 2020)

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

VI. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

The Board requested that additional information regarding the legal issues as it pertains to member correspondence being handled electronically be provided at an upcoming committee meeting.

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

The Board welcomed the new and returning Trustees to the Board of Retirement.

VIII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5155B – ARNETTE A. WEST

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to refer to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Walsh, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

5156B – AGNES F. COLEMAN

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to grant a nonservice connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Walsh, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

VIII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5157B – PURISIMA M. VALENCIA

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to refer to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Walsh, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

5158B – CHRISTOPHER G. JOY

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement.

Mr. Kehoe made a substitute motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to refer to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Walsh, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

5140B – MICHAEL J. CLAYTON

(Ms. Zapanta left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

Ms. Kehoe made a substitute motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to refer to staff for additional information. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Walsh, Okum, Moore, Kehoe, Robbins, Santos, Ms. Gray voting yes.

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

The appeal cases were postponed to a future meeting.

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IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Edward V. Marquez v. Los Angeles County Employees
Retirement Association

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss this matter. On a motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Santos, the Board voted 8-0 to authorize counsel to seek publication of the appellate court decision in this case. Ms. Zapanta was absent.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

HERMAN SANTOS, CHAIR



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December 31, 2020

TO: Each Trustee
Board of Retirement

FROM: Ricki Contreras, Division Manager
Disability Retirement Services

SUBJECT: **APPEALS FOR THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT'S MEETING
OF JANUARY 14, 2021**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Board of Retirement grant the appeals and requests for administrative hearing received from the following applicants, and direct the Disability Retirement Services Manager to refer each case to a referee:

5151B	Sharinna Johnson	In Pro Per	Deny SCD - Grant NSCD With the Option of an Earlier Effective Date Employer Cannot Accommodate
5154B	Rebecca Ramirez	In Pro Per	Deny SCD - Employer Can Accommodate

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

December 31, 2020

TO: Each Trustee
Board of RetirementFROM: Ricki Contreras, Division Manager
Disability Retirement Services

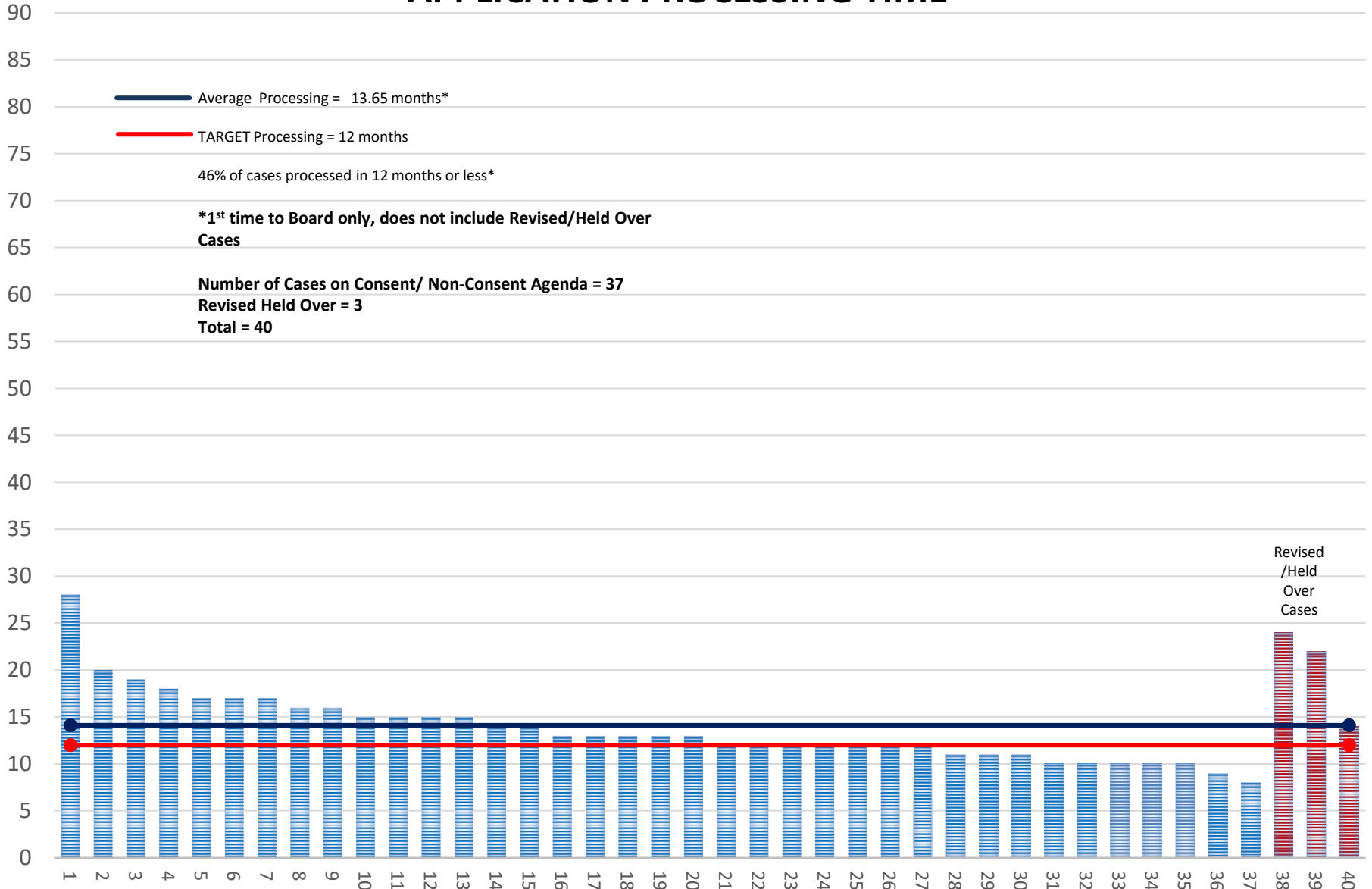
FOR: January 14, 2021 Board of Retirement Meeting

SUBJECT: **Application Processing Time Snapshot Reports**

The following chart shows the total processing time from receipt of the application to the first Board action for all cases on the January 14, 2021 Disability Retirement Applications Agenda.

Consent & Non-Consent Calendar			
Number of Applications	37		
Average Processing Time (in Months)	13.65		
Revised/Held Over Calendar			
Number of Applications	3		
Processing Time Per Case (in Months)	Case 1 24	Case 2 22	Case 3 14
Total Average Processing Time All <u>40</u> Cases on Agenda			
14.13			

DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME



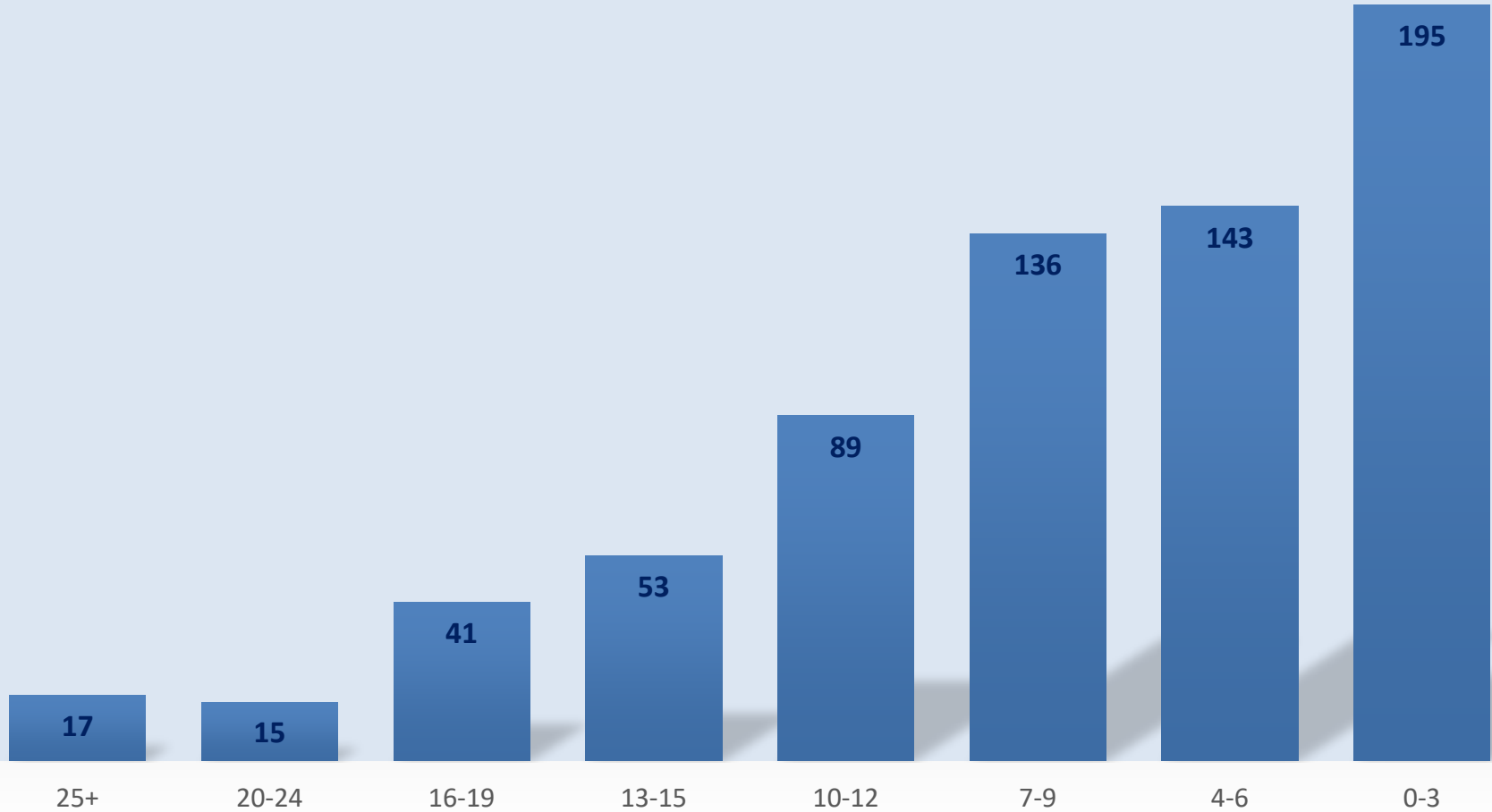
As of December 31, 2020

JANUARY 14, 2021 AGENDA

DISABILITY RETIREMENT SERVICES PENDING APPLICATIONS/TIME INTERVALS

Total Pending Cases = 689

NUMBER OF PENDING APPLICATIONS



MONTHS

As of December 31, 2020



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