

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA

10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

PRESENT: Vivian H. Gray, Chair
Herman Santos, Vice Chair
Marvin Adams, Secretary
Alan Bernstein (Arrived at 12:55 p.m.)
JP Harris (Alternate Retired)
Shawn R. Kehoe (Arrived at 12:56 p.m.)
Joseph Kelly
William Pryor (Alternate Member)
Les Robbins
Thomas Walsh
Gina Zapanta-Murphy

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Robert R. Hill, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor
Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel
Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel
Legal Division

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Ricki Contreras, Division Manager
Disability Retirement Services

Tamara Caldwell, Specialist Supervisor
Disability Retirement Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Gray at 12:53 p.m., in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018

Mr. Adams made a motion, Mr. Walsh seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Mr. Bernstein arrived at 12:55 p.m.)

LACERA member, Enid Goldberg, addressed the Board regarding her request for a service connected disability. (Mr. Kehoe arrived at 12:56 p.m.)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

(This item was held out of order, following Item X. Closed Session)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to approve the following agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

- A. Ratification of Service Retirement and Survivor Benefit Application Approvals.
- B. Request for an administrative hearing before a referee.
(Memo dated March 22, 2018)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice **Malcolm E. Kennedy's** appeal for a service-connected disability retirement.
(Memo dated March 23, 2018)

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Ms. Gray, 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>
784C*	MARIE L. DAVIS
785C*	DONALD W. NELSON
786C	MARIE ABRIL
787C	MARC A. WILSON
788C	WALID W. TAWDI

* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued)

Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
789C	PATRICK KIM
790C	CHRISTINE M. WOODS
791C*	DAVID E. COLEMAN
792C	FRANK J. SALERNO
793C*	RAHSAAN R. HARRISON
794C	TIMOTHY A. GRIESE
795C	MARIE JIMENEZ
796C*	EDWARD R. GODFREY
797C**	STEVEN D. HARBESON
798C**	PERRY R. LYNCH
799C	GEAN J. OKADA
800C*	MAURICE R. JOLLIFF

* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

** Granted SCD – Retroactive

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR
(Continued)

Safety Fire, Lifeguards
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Bernstein seconded by Mr. Walsh, 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>
1958A	EDWARD D. MENDENHALL
1959A	MICHAEL A. LEIJA
1960A	STANLEY FUNG
1961A	DAVID R. JOSEPH
1962A	ERIK E. NELSON
1963A*	LESTER A. FUZELL, SR.
1964A*	FERNANDO BOJORQUEZ
1965A	RICHARD A. ORTIZ
1966A	JOHN A. CAMACHO
1967A	ERIC V. SILGERO
1968A	PAUL G. HATHERLEY
1969A	JAMES P. ALBERT

* Granted SCD – Retroactive

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR
(Continued)

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Bernstein seconded by Mr. Adams, 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>
2807B	STEPHEN G. NELSON
2808B*	JESUS D. UBALDO
2809B**	STELLA V. MARKOVA
2810B**	EARL J. COLE, JR.
2811B	WILLIE E. GLOVER
2812B**	KAREN J. EBENHACK
2813B	FREDERICK A. CORRAL
2814B	SHIRLEY R. PYE
2815B	GREGORY L. DARTY
2816B*	MARIA M. BARLOW
2817B**	GERARD SCHEXNAYDER

* Granted SCD – Retroactive Since Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR
(Continued)

General Members

Non-Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Bernstein seconded by Mr. Adams, the Board of Retirement approved a non-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:

APPLICATION NO.

NAME

4368*

JOHN BRUBAKER

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 March 22, 2018)

This item was received and filed.

VIII. REPORT ON STAFF ACTION ITEMS

There was nothing to report.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER
(For Information Purposes Only)

Mr. Walsh recognized the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

Ms. Gray thanked the Board and staff for their continued hard work.

* Granted NSCD - Retroactive

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

(This item was held out of order, after Item IV. Public Comment)

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

5002B – FRANK J. VALENZUELA

This item was pulled by staff for further development.

5003B – HENRY H. OU

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Kelly seconded, to deny a service connected disability retirement since the employer can accommodate. The motion passed unanimously.

5004B – ENID M. GOLDENBERG*

Mr. Robbins made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to grant a non-service connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Section 31720. The motion passed unanimously.

5005B – MANUEL GARZA

Mr. Bernstein made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to deny a service connected disability retirement without prejudice and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed unanimously.

5006B – NATALIE CURTIS

Mr. Adams made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Section 31720 and deny a service connected disability retirement salary supplemental. The motion passed unanimously.

* Applicant Present

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability (Continued)

<u>APPLICATION NO. & NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION</u>
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5007B – TRACI M. STOKES-MARTINEZ

Mr. Robbins made a motion, Mr. Pryor seconded, to deny a service connected disability retirement since the employer can accommodate and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated. The motion passed unanimously.

6700A – FRED L. BEHRENDT*

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement since the employer cannot accommodate pursuant to Government Code Section 31720. The motion passed unanimously.

6987A – LORINDA J. LE BLANC

Mr. Walsh made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded to grant a service connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Sections 31720 and 31724. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Referee Reports

This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

C. Staff Recommendations

1. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board instruct staff to close **Reynold Dong's** application for disability retirement. (Memo dated March 23, 2018)

This item was pulled by staff for further development.

* Applicant Present

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Green Folder Information (Information distributed in each Board Member's Green Folder at the beginning of the meeting)

1. Retirement Board Listing dated April 4, 2018

MARVIN ADAMS, SECRETARY

VIVIAN H. GRAY, CHAIR