

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., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Robert R. Hill, Interim Chief Executive Officer
James Brekk, Interim Deputy 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

Jon Grabel, Chief Investments Officer

Vivian Schultz, Attorney at Law

Cristal Rodriguez, Disability Program Manager
Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement Association

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Gray at 9:01 a.m., in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Pryor led the Board Members and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2018

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Walsh seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018. The motion passed with Mr. Kehoe abstaining.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Ratification of Service Retirement and Survivor Benefit Application Approvals.
- B. Request for an administrative hearing before a referee.
(Memo dated January 22, 2018)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice **Cesar Chavez's** appeal for a service-connected disability retirement.
(Memo dated January 17, 2018)

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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>
743C	FATIMA L. MACIAS-ESPLANA
744C	TODD E. TAYLOR
745C*	DANIEL K. DEBO
746C	KEVIN S. COYLE

* 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>
747C	DEREK K. SILL
748C*	SUSAN L. CANDIFF
749C*	GERARD J. PATTERSON
750C	MICHAEL T. ROSSON
751C	JEFFREY A. COCHRAN
752C	FRANK A. CHAVARRIA
753C*	RAY C. HUANG
754C	MICHAEL P. WOLFE
755C	RICHARD R. DUDGEON
756C**	JAMES R. NORVILLE, II
757C	GABRIELLA O. ALVAREZ
758C	SHELLEY L. JONES
759C	RICHARD E. COHEN
760C	PATRICIA S. ROMERO
762C	LAUREN R. BROWN
763C	JEFFREY J. YORK
764C*	TAMMI L. SQUIRES

* 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. Santos 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>
1930A	BRIAN P. NICHOLSON
1931A	DENNIS E. MORALES
1932A	ROBERT K. HEMSLEY
1933A	MARK W. VALANCE
1934A	CHARLES A. CLIFT
1935A	GREGORY M. LOPEZ
1936A	GREG A. RIGAUD
1937A	DANA A. PROVOST
1938A	TROY R. FLATH
1939A	ROBERT J. RYAN
1940A	STEPHEN M. RAMEY
1941A	LAWRENCE R. COLLINS
1942A	ARTHUR J. ELLIS

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Fire, Lifeguards (Continued)
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1943A	PHILIP A. COCKER
1944A	GUY L. ASKINS
1945A	ALBERT BUSTILLOS
1946A	TIMOTHY D. ROBERTSON
1947A	ANDREW E. GRZYWA
1948A	GLENN A. GOULET
1949A	STEVEN P. ARNOLD

General Members
Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Mr. Santos 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>
2790B*	VICTORIA M. OGinni
2791B	KEVIN R. GIBSON
2792B	MICHAEL C. CABRERA
2793B**	MARIA G. AGUILAR

* Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

** Granted SCD – Salary Supplemental

VI. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members (Continued)
Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2794B*	LIV C. ENGELS
2795B**	SARAH L. SIMS
2796B***	JORGE L. ESCOBEDO, JR.

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 January 18, 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. Kehoe announced that that he has been recognized by the National Association Corporate Directors as a Board Leadership Fellow.

The Board shared their positive feedback as it relates to the Board Offsite.

Mr. Grabel shared and provided the Board an update on the recent changes in the market.

* Granted SCD – Retroactive

** Granted SCD – Retroactively since the Employer Cannot Accommodate

*** Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

Chair Gray requested that the Board handle those cases that were pulled off the Consent Calendar first.

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

6980A – DIANE SANTIAGO

(This case was held in Open Session.)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to grant a non-service connected disability pursuant to Government Code Section 31720.

Ms. Gray made a substitute motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to return to staff for additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

6997A – JULIE P. MALONZO

This item was pulled by staff for further development.

6998A – JUN CHANG

Mr. Bernstein made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to grant a non-service connected disability pursuant to Government Code Section 31720.

Ms. Gray made a substitute motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to return to staff for additional information. The motion passed with Mr. Bernstein voting no and Mr. Santos abstaining.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

B. Applications for Disability (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

6999A – ROBERT M. TOMLINSON (DEC'D)

Mr. Adams made motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to deny a service connected disability survivor benefit pursuant to Government Code Section 31722. The motion passed unanimously.

6656A – CHIU HONG YEE*

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

2797B – G4102DRSM

Mr. Robbins made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded to grant a service connected disability retirement since the employer cannot accommodate. The motion passed unanimously.

765C- M6103DRSA

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

766C – R6104DRSG

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

* Applicant Present

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

C. Referee Reports (Continued)

APPLICATION NO. & NAME

BOARD ACTION

MICHELLE J. SILVERMAN – Thomas Wicke for the applicant
Allison E. Barrett for the respondent

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement and deny the option of an earlier effective date. The motion passed unanimously.

LEMOYNE JOSEPH – In Pro Per
Eugenia W. Der for the respondent

Mr. Adams made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to grant a service connected disability retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Staff Recommendations

1. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board close the application of **Kathleen M. Mitchell** for a disability retirement. (Memo dated January 17, 2018)

Mr. Santos made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Recommendation as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board reject the application of **Lisa Tatum** for processing. (Memo dated January 19, 2018)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Adams seconded, to approve the agenda item. The motion passed unanimously.

X. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

D. Staff Recommendations (Continued)

3. For Information Only as submitted by Ricki Contreras, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services regarding the 4th Quarter Report of Paid Invoices for October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. (Memo dated January 19, 2018)

This report was received and filed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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

1. Retirement Board Listing dated February 7, 2018

MARVIN ADAMS, SECRETARY

VIVIAN H. GRAY, CHAIR