

## **AGENDA**

### **THE MEETING OF THE**

### **DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**and**

### **BOARD OF RETIREMENT\***

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

**300 North Lake Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Pasadena, CA 91101**

**April 15, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. \*\***

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Marvin Adams, Chair  
Les Robbins, Vice Chair  
Yves Chery  
Vivian Gray  
William de la Garza, Alternate

#### **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2014

#### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Policy for Processing LACERA Employee and their Immediate Family Disability Applications and Related Appeals

#### **IV. FOR INFORMATION**

A. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION  
Comparison of Workers' Compensation and CERL Pension System  
Comparison of Presumptions of Both Systems

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

(For information purposes only)

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE  
and  
Board of Retirement\*\*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION  
GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

APRIL 15, 2014 2:50 P.M. – 3:24 P.M.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Vice Chair  
Yves Chery  
Vivian Gray  
William de la Garza, Alternate

ABSENT: Marvin Adams, Chair

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Alan Bernstein  
Ron Okum  
Shawn Kehoe

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Eugenia Der  
Frank Boyd  
Steve Tallant  
JJ Popowich  
Jorja Frank  
Robb Van Der Volgen  
Vincent Lim  
James Pu  
Roxanna Castillo  
Gregg Rademacher  
Ricki Contreras

Justin Stewart  
Mercie Martinez  
Debra Martin  
Barbara Tuncay  
Barry Lew  
Nichelle Porter  
Tamara Caldwell  
Shamila Freeman  
Angie Guerrero  
Russell Lurina

Anna Kwan  
Ricardo Salinas  
Karla Sarni  
Penelope Huerta  
Vickie Neely  
Debbie Semnanian  
Darren Huey  
Hernan Barrientos  
Maria Muro  
Kerri Wilson

ATTORNEYS

Thomas J. Wicke  
Allison Barrett

GUEST SPEAKER  
NONE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 2:50 p.m.

I. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER(S) IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ABSENT

In Mr. Adams's absence, Mr. De La Garza was appointed as a voting member of the Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2014

Mr. Chery motioned and Ms. Gray seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy for processing LACERA Employee and their Immediate Family  
Disability Applications and Related Appeals

JJ Popowich advised the Committee of the current process and the proposed policy when processing a disability application or an appeal for LACERA employee's or their immediate family.

Ms. Gray commented that any outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party processing LACERA employees or their relatives should follow the same investigation process LACERA currently employs. Mr. Popowich advised the Committee when selecting an outside attorney, vendor, or agency staff would discuss LACERA's policy for processing cases.

The Committee and staff suggested different outside vendors for the processing of disability or appeal cases.

A motion was made by Mr. Chery and seconded by Mr. Robbins to accept staff's recommendation and submit to the Board of Retirement for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

V. FOR INFORMATION

- A. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION  
Comparison of Workers' Compensation and CERL Pension System  
Comparison of Presumptions of Both Systems

VI. MISCELLANEOUS (Discussion)

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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