

**SONOMA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD  
DISABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Thursday, January 20, 2022  
8:30 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective January 6, 2022, the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Disability Committee meeting was held virtually and in compliance with California Government Code section 54953(e).

Members of the public were able to watch or listen to the meeting using one of the two following methods:

1. By joining the WebEx meeting application on a computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://sonomacounty.webex.com/sonomacounty/j.php?MTID=m46738fed013cd8d521cece18addf1782>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

Dial 1-408-418-9388

Enter meeting ID: 2491 508 8490

Enter password: 01202022

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am January 20, 2022. Members of the public who joined the WebEx meeting, either through the WebEx app or by calling in, were able to provide live public comment for each agenda item, after the Board and staff provided their comments.

Presiding

Via WebEx: Chair Brian Williams

Present

Via WebEx: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, and Tim Tuscan; Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker; and Accounting Manager Cheryl Enold (arrived @ 8:45 a.m.).

Present in the

SCERA Board Room: Trustee Bob Williamson; Chief Executive Officer Julie Wyne; Member Services Manager Jackie Purter; and Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee will select a Chair and Vice Chair by majority vote of the members.

Trustee Williams was nominated as Chair by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson; Trustee Williamson was nominated as Vice Chair by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Balzarini. The motions were handled in a single motion which carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the September 23, 2021 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini, seconded by Trustee Tambe to approve the September 23, 2021 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

The Disability Committee moved into Executive Session and closed the meeting to all attendees who were not necessary for the determination of a disability retirement. While the meeting was closed, those attendees were placed into the WebEx lobby by the WebEx host and did not hear or see the meeting. The WebEx screen indicated that the attendees were in the lobby and those still present were re-connected to the meeting once the Board returned to open session.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b) to consider the employment status and evaluation of performance of SCERA members as concerns eligibility for disability retirement and reinstatement to active membership.

A. Applications for Committee Action:

GREGORY HALS, JR., Deputy Sheriff II filed 03/16/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson and seconded by Trustee Tambe to recommend that Mr. Hals be denied a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the January 2022 Disability Report.

The Disability Committee moved out of Executive Session and reopened the meeting to all WebEx attendees who were placed in the lobby during the closed session period.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

Committee Chair Brian Williams reported out in open session that the Committee unanimously recommended to deny a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Gregory Hals, Jr.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the SCERA Board Room located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa, CA or virtually via WebEx.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

IX. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on January 20, 2022 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on February 17, 2022.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR