

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

Thursday, February 17, 2022
8:30 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective January 20, 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=mabe2aefd63e275e2669fef277c9bde3d>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

Dial 1-408-418-9388

Enter meeting ID: 2491 598 4762

Enter password: 02172022

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am February 17, 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 and Joe Tambe; and Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker.

Present in the
SCERA Board Room: Trustee Tim Tuscany; Chief Executive Officer Julie Wyne; Assistant Chief Executive Officer/Chief Legal Counsel Cristina Hess; Member Services Manager Jackie Purter; and Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay.

Absent: Trustee Bob Williamson.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the January 20, 2022 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini, seconded by Trustee Tambe to approve the January 20, 2022 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 4-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

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

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.

II. 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:

1. TIMOTHY KEEGAN, JR., Correctional Sergeant filed 07/07/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Keegan be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 4-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

2. SAMUEL JONES, Correctional Deputy II filed 08/23/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Tuscany to recommend that Mr. Jones be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 4-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

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

3. MARINA ABBOTT, Senior Client Support Specialist filed 08/26/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Tuscany to recommend that Ms. Abbott be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 4-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

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

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the February 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.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

Committee Chair Brian Williams reported out in open session that the Committee unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Correctional Sergeant Timothy Keegan, Jr., Correctional Deputy II Samuel Jones, and Senior Client Support Specialist Marina Abbott.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, March 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

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

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR