

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

Thursday, April 21, 2022
8:31 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective March 17, 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=m76130099ecd565924d83528da8a22212>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

Dial 1-408-418-9388

Enter meeting ID: 2491 040 1336

Enter password: 04212022

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am April 21, 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: Trustees Tim Tuscany and Bob Williamson; Chief Executive Officer Julie Wyne; Assistant Chief Executive Officer/Chief Legal Counsel Cristina Hess; Member Services Manager Jackie Purter; and Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the March 17, 2022 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve the March 17, 2022 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.

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. BRYAN MCCULLOCH, Deputy Sheriff I filed 09/09/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson and seconded by Trustee Tuscany to recommend that Mr. McCulloch be denied a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 4-1-0-0 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

2. JONATHAN VAN NOTE, Correctional Deputy II filed 09/13/21 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31724 (date allowance becomes effective) is requested.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Van Note be granted a service connected disability retirement. Government Code Section 31724 delay exception was considered and the recommendation is that it does apply; therefore his retirement date should be the date following the day for which he last received regular compensation. 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			

3. DAVID TAIT, Deputy Sheriff II filed 10/18/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Mr. Tait be granted 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			

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

4. CONSUELO BRUNO, Senior Office Assistant filed 01/31/22 for a non-service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Ms. Bruno be granted a non-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 April 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 recommended to deny a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff I Bryan McCulloch; unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement with application of Government Code Section §31724 to Correctional Deputy II Jonathan Van Note, unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement Deputy Sheriff II David Tait; and unanimously recommended to grant a non-service connected disability retirement to Senior Office Assistant Consuelo Bruno.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 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 8:53 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on April 21, 2022 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on May 19, 2022.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR