

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

Thursday, June 16, 2022  
8:31 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective May 19, 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=mf5510ac968cb0c8c4bb87b7c346b68d8>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

Dial 1-408-418-9388

Enter meeting ID: 2486 436 7438

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Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am June 16, 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.

Public Present  
Via WebEx: Chris Stevens.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the May 19, 2022 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve the May 19, 2022 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

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. JOHN ESPOSTI, Fleet Equipment Manager filed 09/17/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Nay
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

2. LUCIANA GONZALEZ, Correctional Deputy II filed 10/20/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Ms. Gonzalez be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

3. EMILY DICKEY, Deputy Sheriff II filed 11/08/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tuscany and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Ms. Dickey be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

4. ERIC SEIBOLD, Sergeant filed 11/19/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

5. WILLIAM BADOUR, Deputy Sheriff II filed 12/07/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

6. STEVEN MORITZ, Deputy Sheriff II filed 12/13/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the June 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 Fleet Equipment Manager John Esposti; unanimously recommended to deny a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Steven Moritz; and unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Correctional Deputy II Luciana Gonzalez, Deputy Sheriff II Emily Dickey, Sergeant Eric Seibold and Deputy Sheriff II William Badour.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 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 8:49 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on June 16, 2022 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on July 21, 2022.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR