

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

Thursday, September 22, 2022  
8:30 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective August 18, 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=m6400116976599950e816a445000e15c2>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

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Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am September 22, 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: Chair Brian Williams.

Present: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, Tim Tuscany and Bob Williamson; Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker; 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 August 18, 2022 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tuscany, seconded by Trustee Balzarini to approve the August 18, 2022 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 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. JONATHAN DEVAULT, Correctional Deputy II filed 07/06/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

The Disability Committee returned the case to SCERA staff to have the additional medical information reviewed by the Medical Advisor.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

2. JOAN MCDONALD, Children's Residential Care Counselor II filed 12/08/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

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

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the September 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 deny a service connected disability retirement to Children's Residential Care Counselor II Joan McDonald.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 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 8:57 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on September 22, 2022 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on October 20, 2022.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR