

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

Thursday, August 24, 2023
8:32 a.m.

Presiding: Chair Brian Williams.

Present: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, 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.

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org. Members of the public who joined the Zoom Webinar via the Zoom app or by calling in, were able to provide live public comment for each agenda item, after the Board and staff provided their comments.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the July 20, 2023 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the July 20, 2023 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	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 not able to hear or see the meeting. The Zoom screen indicated that the meeting was in closed session 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. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, Correctional Deputy II filed 11/01/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

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

2. FRANCINE KELLER, Deputy Sheriff II filed 01/20/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

3. MICHAEL SKINNER, Correctional Deputy II filed 02/06/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the August 2023 Disability Report.

The Disability Committee moved out of Executive Session and reopened the meeting to all Zoom attendees who were locked out of the meeting during the closed session period.

IV. 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 Correctional Deputy II Jaime Rodriguez; and unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Francine Keller and Correctional Deputy II Michael Skinner.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the SCERA Board Room located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa, CA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

IX. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on August 24, 2023 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on September 21, 2023.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR