

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024
8:30 a.m.

The October 24, 2024 Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association's Disability Committee meeting will be held in the SCERA Board Room at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA and will be facilitated virtually through Zoom for those members of the public who wish to attend virtually.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting using one of the two following methods:

1. Join the Zoom meeting application on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/97353801265?pwd=enFrenlNS2p4MmV5YjA5Rld1WkFTdz09>

2. Call-in and listen to the meeting:

Dial 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 973 5380 1265

Passcode: 8100

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Email Public Comment: To submit an emailed public comment to the Committee, in advance of the meeting, email Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 a.m. on October 24, 2024. Please provide your name, the agenda number(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment. These comments will be provided to the Committee members prior to the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING

The public may address the Disability Committee regarding any non-executive session agenda items during the Committee's consideration of the item. The Committee maintains and reserves the right to take action on any item agendized for discussion.

Public Comment Using Zoom: Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either through the Zoom app or by calling in, will be able to provide live public comment for each agenda item, after the Committee and staff have provided their comments.

Non-confidential materials distributed with the agenda packet and/or related to an item on this agenda submitted to SCERA after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection electronically. Please send an email request for non-confidential materials to Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org.

ACCOMMODATION: If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Retirement Office at (707) 565-8100, at least 72 hours in advance to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

Committee members are Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, Brian Williams, Bob Williamson and Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the September 19, 2024 Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve Minutes.

The Disability Committee will move into Executive Session and close the meeting to all attendees who are not necessary for the determination of a disability retirement. While the meeting is closed, those attendees will be locked out. Those still present will be re-connected to the meeting once the Committee returns to open session.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting closed pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b) to consider the employment status and evaluation of performance of a SCERA member or members as concerns eligibility for disability retirement or reinstatement to active membership.

A. Applications for Committee Action:

1. ROWAN SHINOHARA TAYLOR, Deputy Sheriff II filed 10/12/22 for a service connected disability retirement. On 05/18/23 the Retirement Board denied the application for a service connected disability as applicant is not considered permanently incapacitated.

Recommendation: _____

2. CHRISTOPHER HERMAN, Park Ranger I filed 12/02/22 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31724 (date allowance becomes effective) and 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested. On 05/23/24 the Retirement Board denied the request for GCS 31724.

Recommendation: _____

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

3. JOHN BAZZANO, Senior Communications Dispatcher filed 02/23/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

Recommendation: _____

4. KRISTIE MCCARTHY, Correctional Deputy II filed 05/14/24 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Recommendation: _____

5. VERONICA MARTINEZ ORDAZ, Deputy Sheriff II filed 05/23/24 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Recommendation: _____

B. Discussion:

Review the pending disability applications on the October 2024 Disability Report.

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

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

A report will be given to the public on the Disability Committee's recommendations for the above items.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

Opportunity to advise the Disability Committee of new matters and for Committee members to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or to direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the Disability Committee.

VI. NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the SCERA Board Room located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa, CA.

VII. ADJOURNMENT