

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

Thursday, July 18, 2024
8:30 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 meeting 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 June 20, 2024 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Balzarini to approve the June 20, 2024 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, the attendees were locked out. 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. LESLIE BOTTOMLEY, Sergeant filed 1/29/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Bottomley 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

2. NICHOLAS MAIKRANZ, Deputy Sheriff II filed 03/04/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Maikranz 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. Proposed Decision:

JAIME RODRIGUEZ, Correctional Deputy II filed 11/01/22 for a service connected disability retirement. On August 24, 2023, the Retirement Board denied the application for a service connected disability as applicant is not considered permanently incapacitated.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Baker pursuant to Government Code section 31534 to recommend adopting the Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision to grant Mr. Rodriguez a service connected disability application. 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

C. Discussion:

Reviewed the July 2024 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.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

Committee Vice Chair Bob Williamson reported out in open session that the Committee voted unanimously to recommend granting a service connected disability retirement to Sergeant Leslie Bottomley and to Correctional Deputy II Nicholas Maikranz. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend adopting the Hearing Officer's Proposed Decision to grant Correctional Deputy II Jaime Rodriguez a service connected disability retirement.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the SCERA Board Room located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa, CA.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on July 18, 2024 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on September 19, 2024.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR