

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

Thursday, January 23, 2025  
8:32 a.m.

Presiding: Chair Bob Williamson

Present: Trustees Amos Eaton, Jared Gonce, and Joe Tambe; Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker; Chief Executive Officer Julie Wyne; Assistant Chief Executive Officer/Chief Legal Counsel Cristina Hess; and Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay.

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing [Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org](mailto: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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The committee will select a Chair and Vice Chair by majority vote of the members.

Trustee Williamson was nominated as Chair by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Baker and Trustee Baker was nominated as Vice Chair by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Gonce. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Eaton	Aye
Mr. Gonce	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

**II. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Approval of the December 19, 2024 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the December 19, 2024 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 3-0-2-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Eaton	Abstain
Mr. Gonce	Abstain
Mr. Tambe	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.

### III. 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. RYAN BECK, Correctional Deputy II filed 05/13/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe to recommend that Mr. Beck be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Case was returned to staff to obtain additional information.

2. JUSTIN CARTER, Correctional Sergeant filed 06/21/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Eaton	Aye
Mr. Gonce	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

3. MICHAEL TONELLI, Correctional Sergeant filed 07/17/24 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Tambe to recommend that Mr. Tonelli be granted a service connected disability retirement under Government Code Section 31725.65. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Eaton	Aye
Mr. Gonce	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the January 2025 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 Bob Williamson reported out in open session that the Committee unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Correctional Sergeant Justin Carter and Correctional Sergeant Michael Tonelli. A motion to recommend granting Correctional Deputy II Ryan Beck a service connected disability retirement failed for a lack of a second. The Committee requested that the file be returned to staff to obtain additional information.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2025 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 9:31 a.m.

IX. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on January 23, 2025 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on February 20, 2025.

BOB WILLIAMSON, CHAIR