

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

Thursday, May 22, 2025
8:30 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 Member Services Manager Wendy Serrano.

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Wendy.Serrano@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 April 17, 2025 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Eaton to approve the April 17, 2025 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

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| Mr. Baker | Aye |
| Mr. Eaton | Aye |
| Mr. Gonce | Aye |
| 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.

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. REYNALDO BASURTO, Sheriff's Sergeant filed 11/26/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

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

2. BILLY SMITH, Correctional Deputy II filed 12/10/24 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

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

3. MICHAEL KABANUCK, Juvenile Correctional Counselor III filed 12/18/24 for a service connected disability retirement. Consideration under Government Code Section 31724 (date allowance becomes effective) and 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker and Trustee Gonce to recommend that Mr. Kabanuck be granted a service connected disability retirement.

Consideration under Government Code Section 31724 (date allowance becomes effective) and 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is to be reviewed. Case was returned to staff to obtain additional information.

The motion carried 5-0-0-0 with voting as follows:

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

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the May 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.

III. 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 Sheriff's Sergeant Reynaldo Basurto, Correctional Deputy II Billy Smith and Juvenile Correctional Counselor III Michael Kabanuck. Consideration under Government Code Section 31724 (date allowance becomes effective) and 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is to be reviewed. The Committee requested that the file be returned to staff to obtain additional information.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025 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 April 17, 2025 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on May 22, 2025.

BOB WILLIAMSON, CHAIR