

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022  
8:32 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and effective October 20, 2022, the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Disability Committee meeting was held virtually and in compliance with California Government Code section 54953(e).

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

1. By joining the WebEx meeting application on a computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://sonomacounty.webex.com/sonomacounty/j.php?MTID=m2df51641eaeaa6520a17143cd52fd152>

2. By calling in and listening to the meeting:

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Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Jackie.Purter@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 am December 15, 2022. Members of the public who joined the WebEx meeting, either through the WebEx app or by calling in, were able to provide live public comment for each agenda item, after the Board and staff provided their comments.

Presiding: Chair Brian Williams.

Present: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, Tim Tuscany 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 Administrative Aide Julia Smith.

Public Present  
Via WebEx: Taejoon Song.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the November 17, 2022 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve the November 17, 2022 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. 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

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 placed into the WebEx lobby by the WebEx host and did not hear or see the meeting. The WebEx screen indicated that the attendees were in the lobby 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. ANTHONY TERRY, Heavy Equipment Mechanic II filed 02/25/22 for a service connected disability retirement Consideration under Government Code Section 31725.65 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Terry be denied a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 3-1-1-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Nay
Mr. Tuscany	Abstain
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

2. ERIC HAUFLER, Deputy Sheriff II filed 03/21/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Mr. Haufler be granted a service connected disability retirement. The motion carried 4-0-1-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Abstain
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

3. GRANT JOHNSON, Correctional Deputy II filed 04/18/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Abstain
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

4. DAVID SOUZA-KING, Correctional Deputy II filed 05/23/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Abstain
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

5. D’JENNE LOWE, Probation Officer I filed 08/17/22 for a non-service connected disability retirement Consideration under Government Code Section 31725.5 (reemployment plan) is requested.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Ms. Lowe be granted a non-service connected disability retirement under Government Code Section 31725.5. The motion carried 4-0-1-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Balzarini	Aye
Mr. Tambe	Aye
Mr. Tuscany	Abstain
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Williamson	Aye

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the December 2022 Disability Report.

The Disability Committee moved out of Executive Session and reopened the meeting to all WebEx attendees who were placed in the lobby during the closed session period.

III. 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 Heavy Equipment Mechanic II Anthony Terry and Correctional Deputy II Grant Johnson; recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Eric Haufler and Correctional Deputy II David Souza-King; and recommended to grant a non-service connected disability to Probation Officer D’Jenne Lowe with consideration under Government Code Section 31725.5.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the SCERA Board Room located at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100 in Santa Rosa, CA or virtually via WebEx.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on December 15, 2022 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on January 19, 2023.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR