

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023
8:35 a.m.

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Presiding: Chair Brian Williams.

Present: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Joe Tambe, and Bob Williamson; Alternate Retiree Trustee Neil Baker; Assistant Chief Executive Officer/Chief Legal Counsel Cristina Hess; Member Services Manager Jackie Purter; and Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the April 20, 2023 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the April 20, 2023 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, those attendees were not able to hear or see the meeting. The Zoom screen indicated that the meeting was in closed session 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. ROWAN SHINOHARA TAYLOR, Deputy Sheriff II filed 10/12/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Tambe to recommend that Mr. Shinohara Taylor be denied 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

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

2. GREGORY HALS, JR., Deputy Sheriff II filed 10/26/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

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

3. MATTHEW MAC LEOD, Correctional Sergeant filed 10/27/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Mac Leod 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

4. JORDAN BOX, Correctional Deputy II filed 12/07/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

The case was returned to staff to gather additional medical records.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the May 2023 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 Brian Williams reported out in open session that the Committee unanimously recommended to deny a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Rowan Shinohara Taylor and to grant a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Gregory Hals and Correctional Sergeant Matthew Mac Leod. Correctional Deputy II Jordan Box's case was returned to staff.

V. GENERAL DISCUSSION MATTERS

There were no general discussion matters.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023 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 9:05 a.m.

IX. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on May 18, 2023 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on June 22, 2023.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR