

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

Thursday, December 14, 2023
8:36 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 October 19, 2023 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve the October 19, 2023 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes with a correction to the minutes noted by Trustee Balzarini. 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. JESSE SCOTT, Deputy Sheriff II filed 05/27/22 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Mr. Scott 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. HENRI BOUSTANY, Sergeant filed 06/08/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Williamson and seconded by Trustee Balzarini to recommend that Mr. Boustany 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. JESSICA CAMPOS, Courtroom Clerk filed 06/15/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Balzarini and seconded by Trustee Baker to recommend that Ms. Campos 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

A. Applications for Committee Action, continued:

4. STEVEN CARLOZZI, Correctional Deputy II filed 07/18/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Mr. Carlozzi 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

5. RAFAEL GARCIA, Correctional Deputy II filed 07/18/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Tambe and seconded by Trustee Williamson to recommend that Mr. Garcia 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

B. Proposed Decision:

BRYAN MCCULLOCH, Deputy Sheriff I filed 09/09/21 for a service connected disability retirement. On 04/21/22, the Retirement Board denied the application for a service connected disability retirement.

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 and grant Mr. McCulloch a service connected disability application. The motion carried 5-0 with voting as follows:

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION, continued

C. Discussion:

Reviewed the December 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.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT – OPEN SESSION

Committee Chair Brian Williams reported out in open session that the Committee unanimously recommended to grant a service connected disability retirement to Deputy Sheriff II Jesse Scott, Sergeant Henri Boustany, Courtroom Clerk Jessica Campos, Correctional Deputy II Steven Carlozzi, and Correctional Deputy II Rafael Garcia; and unanimously recommended to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision and grant Deputy Sheriff I Bryan McCulloch 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, January 18, 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 8:58 a.m.

VIII. APPROVAL

The above minutes for the Disability Committee meeting on December 14, 2023 were approved at the Disability Committee meeting on January 18, 2024.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR