

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025  
8:29 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 [Wendy.Serrano@sonoma-county.org](mailto: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 March 20, 2025 Minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Eaton, seconded by Trustee Gonce to approve the March 20, 2025 Disability Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 4-0-1-0 with voting as follows:

Mr. Baker	Abstain
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. RYAN BECK, Correctional Deputy II filed 05/13/24 for a service-connected disability retirement.

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

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

2. RUSSELL BURRELL, Correctional Deputy II filed 09/16/24 for a service-connected disability retirement.

Motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Tambe to recommend that Mr. Burrell 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

B. Discussion:

Reviewed the April 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 Correctional Deputy II Russell Burrell. The Committee voted 4-1-0-0 to recommend denying Correctional Deputy II Ryan Beck 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, May 22, 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 8:59 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