

# **VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

### **DISABILITY MEETING**

**May 4, 2015**

### **MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS** Tracy Towner, Chair, Alternate Safety Employee Member  
**PRESENT:** William W. Wilson, Vice Chair, Public Member  
Peter C. Foy, Public Member  
Joseph Henderson, Public Member  
Mike Sedell, Public Member  
Deanna McCormick, General Employee Member  
Craig Winter, General Employee Member  
Chris Johnston, Safety Employee Member  
Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member  
Will Hoag, Alternate Retiree Member

**DIRECTORS** Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
**ABSENT:**

**STAFF** Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel  
**PRESENT:** Julie Stallings, Chief Operations Officer  
Vickie Williams, Retirement Benefits Manager  
Donna Edwards, Retirement Benefits Specialist  
Stephanie Caiazza, Program Assistant  
Dan Gallagher, Chief Investment Officer

**PLACE:** Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association  
Second Floor Boardroom  
1190 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93003

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Towner called the Disability Meeting of May 4, 2015, to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Towner amended the agenda by switching items "V.E." and "V.F.". Chair Towner stated that the amendment was necessary because the applicant's attorney for Case 11-021 indicated that he may be late or absent for the meeting due to illness.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve the agenda, as amended.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Sedell.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Business Meeting of April 20, 2015.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Goulet.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

**IV. RECEIVE AND FILE PENDING DISABILITY APPLICATION STATUS REPORT**

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

**V. APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

A. Application for Service Connected and Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement, Andrew W. Poland; Case No. 13-005.

1. Summary of Evidence, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations, submitted by Hearing Officer John L. Rosenthal, dated April 11, 2015.
2. Hearing Notice Served on April 15, 2015.

Paul Hilbun and John Gilman, Attorney at Law, were present on behalf of County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, Andrew Poland, was also present.

Both parties declined to make a statement.

Staff clarified that the hearing officer's original report contained incorrect references to OCERS instead of VCERA and the corrected report that was submitted to the Board was meant to replace the original report within the case record.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation and grant the applicant, Andrew Poland, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

B. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Ignacio Godinez;  
Case No. 14-023.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice Served on April 14, 2015.

Janet Chu-Hooker and Michael Youril, Attorney at Law, were present on behalf of Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD). The applicant, Ignacio Godinez, was also present.

The representatives from VRSD declined to make a statement. The applicant gave a brief statement describing his background and condition.

Trustee Goulet commented that the report from VRSD was comprehensive and well-done.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Ignacio Godinez, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

The parties agreed to waive preparations of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

C. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, RayMel Lloyd;  
Case No. 14-024.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice Served on April 8, 2015.

Janet Chu-Hooker and Michael Youril, Attorney at Law, were present on behalf of Ventura Regional Sanitation District. The applicant, RayMel Lloyd, was also present.

Trustee Goulet stated that he found the report to be deficient and noted that it did not include a description of how the accident occurred.

The applicant summarized the events of the accident for the Board.

Trustee Goulet requested further clarification of the records submitted by VRSD.

Following discussion by the Board and Mr. Youril, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Request that VRSD submit a revised report with additional supporting documentation, and continue this matter at the July 6, 2015 disability meeting or at a preceding meeting if the materials are submitted early.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

D. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement, Cynthia Lazenby; Case No. 14-026.

1. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice Served on April 22, 2015.

Paul Hilbun was present on behalf of County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, Cynthia Lazenby, was also present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Cynthia Lazenby, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

The parties agreed to waive preparations of Findings of Fact and  
Conclusions of Law.

E. Michael Wheat v. Board of Retirement of VCERA, Ventura County Superior  
Court Case No. 56-2013-00440045-CU-WM-VTA

1. Memorandum from County Counsel dated April 24, 2015
2. Notice of Entry of Judgement and Issuance of Writ of Mandate, dated  
April 9, 2015
3. Minute Order dated December 19, 2014
4. Hearing Notice Served on April 8, 2015

Paul Hilbun and Derek Straatsma, Attorney at Law, were present on  
behalf of County of Ventura Risk Management.

Following the issuance of judgment on the applicant's petition for writ  
of mandate, Ms. Nemiroff recommended that the Board grant the  
applicant a service connected disability.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Michael Wheat, a service connected  
disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

F. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Karen Anderson;  
Case No. 11-021.

1. Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and  
Recommendation, submitted by Hearing Officer Kenneth A. Perea,

dated March 18, 2015.

2. Hearing Notice Served on April 16, 2015.

The applicant's attorney was not present due to illness. The following motion was made:

MOTION: Continue this matter at the June 1, 2015 disability meeting.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Assignment of Contract from Schott & Lites to California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC

1. Staff Letter
2. Press Release
3. Schott & Lites Advocates Letter of Agreement, dated January 29, 2015.

After discussion by the Board, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve assignment of the contract for advocating VCERA's proposed CERL Legislation (AB 1291) to California Strategies and Advocacy, LLC. and delegate authority to the Chair to approve and execute an assignment agreement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Sedell.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

- B. Recommendation to Approve Trustees' Attendance at Nossaman LLP Public Pensions & Investments Fiduciaries Forum, September 24 – 25, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Winter.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

- C. Pension Bridge Report, Submitted by Trustee McCormick and Trustee Goulet

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Receive and file.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Winter.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

- D. Ventura County Employees' Retirement Information System (VCERIS)  
Pension Administration Project

1. Staff Letter

2. VCERIS Project Quarterly Status Update

Brian Colker of Linea Solutions, Inc. was present to provide the Board with a status update on the VCERIS Pension Administration Project.

After discussion by the Board and Mr. Colker, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Receive and file.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Sedell.



Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Foy, Johnston, Sedell, Winter, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson

No: -

Absent: Hintz

**VII. INFORMATIONAL**

- A. CALAPRS Principles of Pension Management for Trustees 2015, August 25 – 28, 2015, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IX. STAFF COMMENT**

None.

**X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Chair Towner welcomed Dan Gallagher, VCERA's new Chief Investment Officer.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

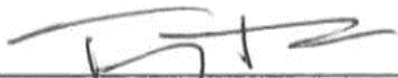
Respectfully submitted,



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LINDA WEBB, Retirement Administrator

Approved,



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TRACY TOWNER, Chairman