

VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DISABILITY MEETING

September 14, 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 Linda Webb, Retirement Administrator
PRESENT: Henry Solis, Chief Financial Officer
Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel
Dan Gallagher, Chief Investment Officer
Julie Stallings, Chief Operations Officer
Vickie Williams, Retirement Benefits Manager
Donna Edwards, Retirement Benefits Specialist
Chantell Garcia, Retirement Benefits Specialist
Stephanie Caiazza, Program Assistant

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 September 14, 2015, to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the agenda.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Hintz

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Business Meeting of July 20, 2015.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Goulet.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Hintz

IV. RECEIVE AND FILE PENDING DISABILITY APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

Trustee Foy arrived at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

V. APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

A. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Ronna Robledo;
Case No. 14-007.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and
Supporting Documentation.

2. Hearing Notice Served on September 2, 2015.

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

Both parties declined to make a statement.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Ronna Robledo, a service connected
disability retirement.

Moved by Johnston, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: Goulet

Absent: Hintz

Trustee Goulet stated that he voted against the motion because the
doctor's report was insufficient.

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

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

(Continued from the Disability Meeting of May 4, 2015)

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 June 1, 2015.

Staff informed the Board that the applicant's attorney reported that he was
unable to attend the meeting due to unexpected medical issues.

Chair Towner stated that this item will be rescheduled to the next disability meeting.

C. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Rafael Meza, Case No. 12-046

1. Summary of Evidence, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Decision, submitted by Hearing Officer Irene P. Ayala, dated August 14, 2015.
2. Hearing Notice served on September 1, 2015.

Derek Straatsma, Attorney at Law, was present on behalf of County of Ventura Risk Management. David Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present on behalf of the applicant.

After statements from both parties, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and deny the applicant, Rafael Meza, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

D. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Karen Vera, Case No. 13-039

1. Summary of Evidence, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations, submitted by Hearing Officer John L. Rosenthal, dated July 5, 2015.
2. Hearing Notice served on July 31, 2015.

Steve Roberson, Attorney at Law, was present on behalf of County of Ventura Risk Management. David Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present on behalf of the applicant.

Both parties declined to make a statement.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and deny the applicant, Karen Vera, both a service connected and non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to Approve Chief Financial Officer's Attendance at 2015 P2F2 Conference, October 25 – 28th, 2015, San Diego, CA.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

- B. Recommendation to Approve Chief Operations Officer's Attendance at 2015 National Pension Education Association Conference, October 24 – 28th, 2015, Lexington, KY.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

Several Board members expressed an interest in revising the Board Education and Travel Policy to expand the Retirement Administrator's authority to approve staff travel costs. Ms. Webb stated that staff had gathered information regarding meal reimbursements and could bring both issues up together when the revisions are brought before the Board for

consideration at an upcoming meeting.

C. Recommendation to Include HCFVC as an Approved Charitable Organization Under Government Code Section 31452.5, to Allow Donation Deduction For VCERA Retirees

1. Letter from Staff
2. Letter from Michael Powers, County Executive Officer, and Noel Klebaum, Secretary and Treasurer of Health Care Foundation for Ventura County, dated August 11, 2015.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

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

1. Letter from Staff
2. VCERIS Project Quarterly Status Update

Brian Colker from Linea presented the 2nd quarter VCERIS Project Status Update through June 30, 2015, and also updated the Board verbally of the progress for the current quarter to date. He indicated that the project is currently on track for the scheduled Go-Live in April 2016. He further shared details related to the current testing efforts and the next scheduled phases leading to that date.

Mr. Colker explained the system by which project errors are recorded, monitored, and categorized. He said that none of the existing errors are considered "critical" and the number of errors considered "high" had been reduced from 41 to 33 since the 2nd quarter report was issued. Trustee Goulet asked about 5 categories being different from the 3 he was accustomed to seeing; Mr. Colker responded that the testers use a more granular 5-level system, while his reports and the contract roll them into 3.

MOTION: Receive and file.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried.

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

No: -

Absent: Hintz

VII. INFORMATIONAL

A. Reams Notice of Name Change

B. SACRS Fall Conference 2015, November 17 – 20, 2015, San Diego, CA

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Gallagher provided background and update on item VII.A. Reams Notice of Name Change.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Johnston directed staff to add the topic of securities lending to an upcoming agenda.

Chair Towner informed the Board that the next meeting agenda will include a recommendation to engage outside counsel to facilitate successful implementation of the AB 1291 legislation for the five VCERA executive manager positions that will be appointed as "District" employees.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LINDA WEBB, Retirement Administrator

Approved,



TRACY TOWNER, Chairman