VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DISABILITY MEETING

March 3, 2014

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tracy Towner, Chair, Safety Employee Member
William W. Wilson, Vice Chair, Public Member
Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Joseph Henderson, Public Member
Mike Sedell, Public Member
Tom Johnston, General Employee Member
Deanna McCormick, General Employee Member
Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member
Will Hoag, Alternate Retiree Member
Chris Johnston, Alternate Safety Employee Member

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Peter C. Foy, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator
Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel
Stephanie Caiazza and Chris Ayala, Interim Clerk of the Board
Donna Edwards, Retirement Benefits Specialist
Chantell Garcia, Retirement Benefits Specialist

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

Chairman Towner called the Disability Meeting of March 3, 2014, to order at 9:00 a.m.
II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Approve the Agenda.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -
Absent: Foy.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Business Meeting of February 24, 2014.

Mr. Goulet requested that the Minutes be corrected on Master Page 11, XIII. SACR's to SACRS.

**MOTION:** Approve the Minutes, as amended.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

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

**MOTION:** Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.
V. APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

A. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Abraham De Leon; Case No. 13-016.

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


Stephen D. Roberson was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management along with Paul Hilbun. David G. Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present representing the applicant. The applicant, Abraham De Leon, was also present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Abraham De Leon, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

B. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Michael A. Erickson; Case No. 13-003.

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


Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. Anthony R. Strauss, Attorney at Law, was representing the applicant. The applicant, Michael A. Erickson, was also present.
Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

**MOTION:** Grant the applicant, Michael A. Erickson, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

C. Consider Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement; Kelly Ryan; Case No. 13-021. Consider

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


Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, Kelly Ryan, was present.

After statements by both parties and discussion by the Board, the following Motion was made.

**MOTION:** Grant the applicant, Kelly Ryan, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

**MOTION:** Appointment of alternative job classification Office Assistant III and differential to be paid by VCERA, pursuant to Government Code Section 31725.5.
Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

D. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Cheryl M. Means; Case No. 13-020.

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


Emy Russell was present representing the Superior Court. The applicant, Cheryl M. Means, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Cheryl M. Means, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by T. Johnston, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hearing Officer Recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

After an update by the Interim Retirement Administrator and recommendation to enter into contract with Ernest Gould, the following Motion was made:
MOTION: Offer Mr. Gould a position on the Hearing Officer Panel.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ventura County Employees' Retirement Information System (VCERIS) Project Change Orders; Brian Colker, Linea Solutions and Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator.
   1. Vitech Change Order
   2. MBS Change Order
   3. Linea Change Order
   4. Recommendation to utilize Linea Solutions resources for VCERIS (PAS) project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

After discussion by the Board and Staff, the following Motion was made:

MOTION: Approve MBS and Linea Change orders, with amended "not to exceed" clause included in the Linea change order.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

MOTION: Revise Vitech Change Order, Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member; Brian Colker, Linea to work together on modification, with issue tabled until the business meeting on March 17th 2014.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.
Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

B. Options for Board Member Claim Processing; Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator. Recommendation to have Auditor Controller process Board Member Claims.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

MOTION: To have Auditor Controller process the Board Member Stipends.

Moved by, Goulet, seconded by, Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.

C. Request from County Executive Office to conduct studying regarding impacts of Pension Initiative (Letter dated 02/28/2014).
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

Board heard comments from Jim McDermott, representing the Committee for Pension Fairness.

After discussion by the Board and Staff, the following Motion was made:

MOTION: To offer no objections for County Executive Office contracting with The Segal Consulting for actuarial services.

Moved by, Goulet, seconded by, Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried
No: -
Absent: Foy.
VIII. INFORMATIONAL

A. RREEF Conference

B. UBS Conference

IX. STAFF COMMENT

Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator; offered that monthly stipends for January and February will be processed for those Board Members affected. Also for those attending the Manatt conference, there have been preparations made to meet with Black Rock Institutional Trust Company on Thursday March 27th at 1:00 p.m.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member, and Chris Johnston, Alternate Safety Employee Member requested that bookmarks be included from now on in the electronic agenda packets.

Mr. Goulet also questioned on why the monthly PAS Report was missing from the aforementioned agenda. Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator; stated that there was no PAS report in the agenda due to Brian Colker being on Paternity Leave and Kim Zierath out due to illness.

Mr. Thonis also stated that the monthly PAS Report will be included as part of the Business Meeting, scheduled for March 17, 2014.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
TIM THONIS, Interim Retirement Administrator

Approved,

[Signature]
William W. Wilson, Vice Chairman