



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Disability Committee

Monday, May 8, 2023

10:00 AM

1737 North First Street, Suite 580, San
Jose CA 95112

HYBRID MEETING

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1737 North First Street, Suite 580

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ZOOM INFORMATION:

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ADVISORY PANEL

Richard Santos, Chair
Andrew Lanza, Trustee

Russell Richeda, Counsel
Vacant, Board Medical Advisor
Sandra Castellano, Benefits Div Manager

ALTERNATES

Franco Vado, Trustee
Eswar Menon, Trustee

2nd ALTERNATES

Dave Wilson, Trustee
Howard Lee, Trustee

Present 2 - Richard Santos, and Drew Lanza

The Police and Fire Disability Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580 and via Zoom on Monday, May 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Santos followed by roll call.

Committee members present: Richard Santos and Drew Lanza.

Retirement Staff Present: Barbara Hayman, Sandra Castellano, Stacey Fischer, Amy Dickinson, Chris Ha, Michelle San Miguel, Mallory Vidal, and Sherrell Aledo.

Retirement Staff Present via Zoom: Roberto L. Peña, Shilpi Dwivedi, and Sierra Kenoly-Chavez.

Also Present: Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel; and Roger Hurtado, Fire Department.

Also Present via Zoom: Patrick Melikian, Applicant; Tom Boyle, Attorney; and Kirsten Scott, Attorney.

- **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chair Santos read the following ground rules into the record:

A FEW GROUND RULES FOR THIS MEETING

- We are holding this meeting as a hybrid meeting, and so those who are attending virtually, please mute yourself unless you are speaking and if you wish to speak, please raise your hand and staff will alert the Chair.

- 1. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Disability Committee meeting from April 10, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approved. (M.S.C. Lanza/Santos 2-0-0)

- 2. **Application for a Service Connected Disability Retirement**

- a. **Patrick Melikian**, Firefighter, Fire Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective December 25, 2021; 15.03* years of service.

Stacey Fischer, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Patrick Melikian, applicant was present and represented by his attorney, Kirsten Scott, present via Zoom. Mr. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on in his review of the records. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend

approval of a Service-Connected Disability Retirement for the member to the Board. Attorney Scott thanked the Committee for their time and consideration.

A motion was made to recommend approval to the Board for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement. This item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the June 1, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

Approved. (M.S.C. Lanza/Santos 2-0-0)

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

Roberto L. Peña, CEO, Office of Retirement Services