



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Disability Committee

Monday, May 6, 2024

10:00 AM

1737 N. First St. Suite 580, San Jose, CA
95112

HYBRID MEETING

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

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

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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Dial In: +1 669-219-2599 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 932 5016 6937
Pass Code: 451122

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ADVISORY PANEL

Richard Santos, Chair
Dave Wilson, Trustee

Russell Richeda, Counsel
Sandra Castellano, Benefits Div Manager

ALTERNATES

Franco Vado, Trustee
Eswar Menon, Trustee

2nd ALTERNATES

Howard Lee, Trustee
Vacant, Trustee

Present 2 - Richard Santos, and Dave Wilson

The Police and Fire Disability Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112 and via Zoom on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Santos followed by roll call.

Committee members Present: Richard Santos and Dave Wilson.

Retirement Staff Present: Barbara Hayman, Sandra Castellano, Amy Dickinson, Veronica Solorio, Chris Ha, Edith Aldama, Cynthia Ayala, Sherrell Aledo, and David Torres.

Retirement Staff Present via Zoom: Roberto L. Peña.

Also Present: Todd Johnson, Attorney; and Sam Swift, Attorney.

Also Present via Zoom: Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel; Troy Murray, Applicant; Phillip Garcia, Applicant; Dennis Wheeler, Applicant; Jessica Schattenburg, Public; Jennifer Otani, Police Department; Sandra Dennis, Police Department; and Stephanie Lau, Fire Department.

- **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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- None.

WAIVE SUNSHINE:

- None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Police & Fire Disability Committee meeting from April 8, 2024.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

2. Application for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement

- a. **Nicholas Wilder**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, active; 9.38* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. **Mr. Wilder**, applicant, was not present. **Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel**, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

3. Application for a Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement

- a. **Phillip Garcia**, Police Sergeant, Police Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective August 21, 2021; 25.20* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. **Mr. Garcia**, applicant, was present via Zoom. **Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel**, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for the Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. **Mr. Garcia** thanked the Committee for their time and consideration. Chair Santos and Trustee Wilson both said a few kind words.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

- b. **Leonard Lim**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective December 26, 2020; 26.98* years of service. (*With Reciprocity - 24.77 CSJ YOS + 2.21 PERS YOS*)

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. **Mr. Limn**, applicant, was not present. **Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel**, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for the Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Chair Santos and Trustee Wilson both said a few kind words.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

- c. **Martin Lomeli**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective September 5, 2020; 28.25* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Lomeli, applicant, was not present, however, his attorney Sam Swift was present in person. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for the Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Counsel Swift made a few comments. Chair Santos said a few kind words.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

- d. **Troy Murray**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 31, 2021; 27.48* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Murray was present via Zoom. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for the Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Chair Santos and Trustee Wilson both said a few kind words.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

- e. **Dennis Wheeler**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 9, 2020; 19.59* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Wheeler, applicant, was present via Zoom and his attorney Todd Johnson was present in person. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, clarified for the Committee the specific body parts he focused on. Counsel Richeda also spoke to the service-connection of the injuries, and concluded the Committee should recommend approval for the Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Mr. Wheeler and Counsel Johnson both made a few comments. Chair Santos and Trustee Wilson said a few kinds words.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This case will go to the Board on the Consent Calendar on June 6, 2024.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. PF Disability Dashboard for Q1 2024.

Sandra Castellano introduced this item. Chair Santos, Trustee Wilson, and Mr. Peña said a few nice comments.

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

Roberto L. Peña, CEO, Office of Retirement Services