



# BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Police and Fire Disability Committee

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Monday, December 7, 2020

10:00 AM

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**MEETING TO BE HELD BY ZOOM CONFERENCE IN LIEU OF PHYSICAL LOCATION**

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**Dial In: +1 (669) 900- 9128 US (San Jose)**

**Meeting ID: 970 9446 9036**

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<b>DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b> <i>Richard Santos, Chair</i> <i>Andrew Lanza, Trustee</i>	<b>ADVISORY PANEL</b> <i>Russell Richeda, Counsel</i> <i>Susan Tierman, MD</i> <i>Kathryn Schaefer, Benefits Div Manager</i>
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<b>ALTERNATES</b> <i>Nick Muyo, Trustee</i> <i>Vincent Sunzeri, Trustee</i>	<b>2nd ALTERNATES</b> <i>Franco Vado, Trustee</i> <i>Howard Lee, Trustee</i>
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The Police & Fire Disability Committee met on Monday, December 7, 2020 by Zoom meeting. Trustee Santos called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present 2 - Richard Santos, and Andrew Lanza

Staff Present by Zoom: Roberto Peña, Barbara Hayman, Linda Alexander, Stacey Fischer, Michelle San Miguel and Marti Zarate.

Others Present by Zoom: Disability Counsel Russ Richeda, Dr. Susan Tierman, Attorney Thomas Boyle, Attorney Sam Swift, Ray Storms, Debra Ward, Roger Hurtado, Franco Vado and Julie La Blanc.

#### **1. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2020 Police and Fire Disability Committee meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the November 9, 2020 Police and Fire Disability Committee meeting.

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

- b. Approval of the 2020 3rd Quarter Dashboard Reports and the 2020 3rd Quarter Detailed

Statistics Reports.

A motion was made to approve the 2020 3rd Quarter Dashboard Reports and the 2020 3rd Quarter Detailed Statistics Reports.

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

## **2. Change of Status to Service Connected Disability Retirement**

- a. **Debra Ward**, Battalion Chief, Fire Department, Request for a Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective August 13, 2016; 27.52\* years of service.

**Stacey Fischer**, Benefits Analyst, read the case information into the record. The applicant was present via Zoom and represented by Attorney Sam Swift. Dr. Tierman spoke to the case and concluded in her report it is difficult to find a work connection/contribution. Counsel Richeda agreed. Attorney Swift disagreed and spoke to Dr. Knight's reports and the repetitive duties included in Ms. Ward's written statement. Ms. Ward spoke to her case reviewing her medical history and treatment. Counsel Richeda changed his opinion after continued discussion. The Committee requested more medical information.

This item was deferred.

**NEXT POLICE & FIRE BOARD MEETING: January 3, 2020**

**NEXT POLICE & FIRE DISABILITY COMM. MEETING: January 11, 2020**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

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**Roberto L. Peña**, CEO, Office of Retirement Services