



# BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

## Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Disability Committee

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Monday, April 10, 2023

10:00 AM

1737 N. First St., STE 580 San Jose, CA  
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### Hybrid Meeting

#### Physical Location:

1737 N. First St., STE 580

San Jose, CA 95112

#### Zoom Information:

zoom.us

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

Meeting ID: 994 7859 2358

Pass Code: 057368

#### **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*

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**Present**   2 - Richard Santos, and Drew Lanza

The Police and Fire Disability Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Ste 580 and via Zoom on Monday, April 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Santos followed by roll call.

Committee members present: Chair Richard Santos and Trustee Drew Lanza.

Retirement Staff present: Roberto L. Peña, Barbara Hayman, Sandra Castellano, Stacey Fischer, Isela Chaparro, Khadijah Onyeije, Sherrell Aledo, Shilpi Dwivedi and Chris Ha.

Retirement Staff Present via Zoom: Michelle San Miguel.

Also Present: Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel.

Also Present via Zoom: Vincente Alvarez-Gonzalez, Applicant; Dan, Public Attendee; Tom Boyle, Attorney; Sandra Dennis, Police Personnel; Sarah Steele, OER; and Dave Wilson, Public Attendee.

**1. AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCES(S)**

**a. Just Cause Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)**

- i. The following Trustee(s) have notified the Committee of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference.

**NONE**

- ii. Call for Trustee(s) who wish to notify the Committee of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference.

**b. Emergency Circumstances (Gov't Code § 54953)**

- i. The following Trustee(s) have notified the Committee of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference due to an “Emergency Circumstance.”

**NONE**

- ii. Call for Trustee(s) who wish to notify the Committee of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference due to an “Emergency Circumstance.”

- iii. Take action on request(s) for remote appearance.

## **AGENDA**

- **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Chair Santos read the following into the record:

### **GROUND RULES FOR THIS MEETING**

- If you are not speaking, please be on mute to cut background noise.

- 2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Disability Committee meeting from March 13, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approved. (M.S.C. Lanza/Santos 2-0-0) The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

- a. **Alvarez-Gonzalez, Vicente**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective May 4, 2023; 26.66\* years of service.

Mr. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Alvarez-Gonzalez and his attorney were present via Zoom. Counsel Richeda 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. Mr. Alvarez-Gonzalez thanked the Committee for their decision.

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 on the May 4, 2023 Police and Fire Board Meeting.

Approved. (M.S.C. Lanza/Santos 2-0-0) The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,**

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