



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Disability Committee

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:30 AM

1737 N. 1st St. Suite 580, San Jose, CA

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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

Russell Richeda, Counsel

Andrew Lanza, Trustee

Sandra Castellano, Benefits Div Manager

ALTERNATES

Franco Vado, Trustee

Eswar Menon, Trustee

2nd ALTERNATES

Dave Wilson, Trustee

Howard Lee, Trustee

The Police and Fire Disability Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580 and via Zoom on Friday, September 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Santos followed by roll call.

Committee members present: Richard Santos and Dave Wilson.

Retirement Staff Present: Roberto L. Peña, Sandra Castellano, Amy Dickinson, Chris Ha and Sherrell Aledo.

Retirement Staff Present via Zoom: Linda Alexander and Shilpi Dwivedi.

Also Present: Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel; Vincent Dupree, Applicant; Eric Hernandez, Applicant; George King, Applicant; and Ian Leslie, Attorney.

Also Present via Zoom: Ruben Dalaison, Applicant.

- **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

- All votes will be roll call votes.
- 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 P & F Disability Committee meeting from August 7, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

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

- a. **Rubens Dalaison**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective September 19, 2020; 24.52* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Ruben Dalaison, applicant, was present via Zoom and spoke on his own behalf. 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 for the Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Mr. Dalaison thanked the Committee for their time and consideration.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the November 2, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

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

- b. **Vincent Dupree**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 28, 2018; 23.05* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Vincent Dupree, applicant, and his attorney Ian Leslie were present in person. 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 for the Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Mr. Dupree thanked the Committee for their time and consideration. Chair Santos said 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 item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the November 2, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

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

- c. **Eric Hernandez**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective August 10, 2019; 25.17* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Eric Hernandez, applicant, and his attorney Ian Leslie were present in person. 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 for the Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Mr. Hernandez thanked the Committee for their time and consideration.

A motion was made to recommend approval of a Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. This item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the November 2, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

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

- d. **George King**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 25, 2020; 25.54* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. George King, applicant, and his attorney Ian Leslie were present in person. 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 for the Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Mr. King thanked the Committee for their time and consideration. Trustee Willson said 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 item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the November 2, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

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

- e. **Gilbert Torres**, Police Lieutenant, Police Department, Request for Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 24, 2010; 29.30* years of service.

Amy Dickinson, Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Mr. Gilbert Torres, applicant, was not present. 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 for the Change in Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Chair Santos and Trustee Wilson said 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 item will be placed on the Consent Calendar of the November 2, 2023 Police and Fire Board agenda.

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

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

Roberto L. Peña, CEO, Office of Retirement Services