



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Disability Committee

Monday, March 9, 2020

10:00 AM

1737 N. First Street, Ste 580
5th Floor Board Room,
San Jose, CA 95112

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS	ADVISORY PANEL
<i>Richard Santos, Chair</i>	<i>Russell Richeda, Counsel</i>
<i>Andrew Lanza, Trustee</i>	<i>Susan Tierman, MD</i>
	<i>Kathryn Schaefer, Benefits Div Manager</i>

ALTERNATES
Nick Muyo, Trustee
Vincent Sunzeri, Trustee

2nd ALTERNATES
Franco Vado, Trustee
Vikas Oswal, Trustee

The Police & Fire Disability Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Office of Retirement Services at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580, San Jose, CA. Trustee Santos called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Roberto Peña, Kathryn Schaefer, Linda Alexander, Stacey Fischer and Marti Zarate.

Others Present: Counsel Russ Richeda, Dr. Susan Tierman, Attorney Thomas Boyle, Attorney Sam Swift, Attorney Don Novey, Ray Storms, Roger Hurtado, Sandra Dennis, Todd Lonac, Jeff Butts, Steve Moreno and Dan Addiego.

Present 2 - Richard Santos, and Andrew Lanza

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the February 19, 2020 Police and Fire Disability Committee meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2020 Police and Fire Disability Committee meeting.

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

2. Application for a Service Connected Disability Retirement

- a. **Jeff Butts**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective March 11, 2019; 19.72* years of service.

Stacey Fischer, Benefits Analyst, read the case information into the record. The applicant was present and represented by Attorney Don Novey. Dr. Tierman and Counsel Richeda agreed there is not enough evidence to prove this case is work related. Attorney Novey disagreed. The applicant spoke on his own behalf describing the incident that caused the

injury. Dr. Tierman answered questions from the Committee and Attorney Novey. She recommended providing more documentation. After much discussion it was decided this item will come back to the Committee.

3. Change of Status to Service Connected Disability Retirement

- a. **Daniel Addiego**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective October 23, 2011; 25.06* years of service.

Ms.Fischer read the case information into the record. The applicant was present and represented by Attorney Sam Swift. Dr. Tierman and Counsel Richeda agreed that there was not enough information to determine work causation. Attorney Swift disagreed. The applicant spoke on his own behalf and referred to documentation provided to the Committee describing his job activities throughout his career. Dr. Tierman and Counsel Richeda answered questions from the Committee. After further discussion it was decided this item will come back to the Committee.

- b. **Steve Moreno**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective October 24, 2015; 26.55* years of service.

Ms.Fischer read the case information into the record. The applicant was present and represented by Attorney Sam Swift. Dr. Tierman and Counsel Richeda agreed there was service connection for this case.

A motion was made to recommend approval to the Board for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Lanza)

Next Police and Fire Board Meeting: April 2, 2020

Next Police and Fire Disability Committee Meeting: April 6, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

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Roberto L. Peña, CEO, Office of Retirement Services