



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Disability Committee

Monday, June 8, 2026

10:00 AM

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

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HYBRID MEETING

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1737 North First Street, Suite 580

San Jose, CA 95112

ZOOM INFORMATION:

zoom.us

Dial In: +1 408-638-0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 929 3934 5913

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Santos, Chair (Term Expires 11/30/26)

David Woolsey, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/28)

ADVISORY PANEL

Russell Richeda, Counsel

Sandra Castellano, Benefits Div Manager

ALTERNATES

Gretchen Flicker, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/28)

Franco Vado, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/28)

2nd ALTERNATE

Howard Lee, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/26)

Andrew Gardanier, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/27)

Present 2 - Richard Santos, and David Woolsey

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, June 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Santos followed by roll call.

Committee members Present: Richard Santos and David Woolsey.

Retirement Staff Present: John Flynn, Barbara Hayman, Sandra Castellano, Veronica Solorio, Sylvia Mark, Ryan Reynado, Chris Ha, Edith Orosco, Gabriela Romero, Sherrell Aledo, and Tara Tran.

Also Present: Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel; Sam Swift, Attorney; Ian Cooley, Applicant; Jesse Baliscao, Applicant; Bryan Hodges, Applicant; Timothy Lewis, Applicant; Ray Ro, Applicant; and Andy Kaligis, Fire Department.

Also Present via Zoom: Erin Allen, Applicant; and Mary Jo Luis, Public Member.

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ADA Designated Contact Information

Attention: Deputy Director/Chief Operations Officer, Office of Retirement Services
Address: 1737 N First St #600, San Jose, CA 95112
Email: #Retire_Admin@sanjoseca.gov
Phone: 408-794-1000 (ORS Main Line)

THE LEVINE ACT

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- **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

SB 707 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)

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

- **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Orders of the Day was heard immediately after roll call attendance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- Time Certain: 10:00 a.m. for item 2a (Closed Session).

WAIVE SUNSHINE:

- None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

This item was heard after Closed Session.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Police & Fire Disability Committee meeting.

2. Application for a Service Connected Disability Retirement

- a. **Erin Allen**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, active; 12.56* years of service. **(CLOSED SESSION)**
Time Certain: 10:00 am.

This item was heard after roll call.

The Committee entered closed session at 10:01 a.m.

The Committee came out of closed session at 10:07 a.m.

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

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

- b. **Ian Cooley**, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, active; 31.25* years of service. *(With Reciprocity - 28.11 CSJ + 3.14 PERS = 31.25 YOS)*

Ian Cooley, applicant, was present in person. Tara Tran, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. Russ Richeda, Disability Counsel, clarified for the

Committee the specific body parts he focused on and spoke to the service-connection of the injuries. Counsel Richeda concluded that the Committee should recommend approval for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement to the Board. Chair Santos and Trustee Woolsey said a few kind words.

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

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

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

- a. **Jesse Baliscao**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective September 14, 2023; 24.80* years of service.

Jesse Baliscao, applicant, and Sam Swift, Attorney, were present in person. Tara Tran, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. 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 to the Board approval for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement, only as to the low back. Sam Swift added comments. Mr. Baliscao thanked the Committee. Chair Santos said a few kind words.

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

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

- b. **Bryan Hodges**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 21, 2023; 27.82* years of service. *(With Reciprocity - 26.51 CSJ + 1.31 PERS = 27.82 YOS)*

Bryan Hodges, applicant, and Sam Swift, Attorney, were present in person. Tara Tran, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. 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 to the Board approval for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Mr. Hodges added comments. Chair Santos said a few kind words.

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

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

- c. **Timothy Lewis**, Fire Prevention Inspector, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 21, 2023; 22.11* years of service. *(With Reciprocity - 21.11 CSJ + 1 Costa County = 22.11 YOS)*

Timothy Lewis, applicant, and Sam Swift, Attorney, were present in person. Tara Tran, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. 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 to the Board approval for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected

Disability Retirement. Sam Swift and Mr. Lewis added comments. Mr. Lewis thanked the Committee. Chair Santos said a few kind words.

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

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

- d. **Ray Ro**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective August 19, 2023; 26.14* years of service.

Ray Ro, applicant, and Sam Swift, Attorney, were present in person. Tara Tran, Senior Benefits Analyst, read the applicant's case information into the record. 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 to the Board approval for a Change of Status to a Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Mr. Ro added comments and thanked the Committee. Chair Santos added comments and said a few kind words.

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

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

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

- **PUBLIC/RETIREE/GENERAL COMMENTS - Subject to Government Code Section 54954.3**
 - **Members of the public may comment on items not included on the agenda, provided that the matter is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Next P&F Board Meeting: June 17, 2026

Next P&F Disability Committee Meeting: August 10, 2026

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services

***Estimated**

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The City of San José's Code of Conduct for Public Meetings in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms

(<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/12901/63667000496663000>

0) is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

In furtherance of these principles, the Board's Public Comment Policy establishes reasonable regulations governing public comment at its meetings and Committee meetings, consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code §§ 54950 et seq. Relevant provisions of the Public Comment Policy are listed below, and the full policy is available here:

<https://www.sjretirement.com/Resources/8e9a12ff-9d1d-4999-a547-6a1d804b6e34/Public%20Comment%20Policy%20%20-asterisk-.pdf>

A. Public Speaker Recognition & Identification: Members of the public who wish to address the Board or its committees may state their name and affiliation for the record. Speakers will be called on in turn, and time limits as prescribed below will be set to ensure the meeting runs orderly.

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items: The public shall be afforded the opportunity to address the Board or Committee on each item on the agenda, limited to the matters directly related to the item under consideration, including closed session items prior to adjournment into closed session.

For each agenda item, the Chair shall invite public comment after the staff presentation and before Board or committee deliberation and action. No individual shall be permitted to address the Board or Committee more than once on the same agenda item.

Each speaker is normally limited to two minutes per agenda item. Moreover, a speaker may not yield their time to another member of the public, bypassing the two-minute limit. If more than twelve individuals request to speak on a single agenda item, the Chair may reduce individual speaker time to one minute.

In all cases, the meeting Chair will allow twice the allotted time for a speaker who requires the use of a translator to address the Board or Committee.

C. General Public Comment: Each agenda shall include a designated General Public Comment item during which the public may address the Board or Committee on the subject matters within its jurisdiction that are not otherwise listed on the agenda.

D. Remote Public Comment: When remote public comment is offered, speakers participating remotely shall be subject to the same rules, time limits, and procedures as in-person speakers.

The Chair may, for meeting management purposes, sequence speakers by taking in-person public comment before remote public comment. Remote speakers shall be afforded the same individual time limits and total comment times as in-person speakers.

E. Chair Authority and Orderly Conduct: The Chair is responsible for maintaining the orderly conduct of meetings.

The Chair shall:

- 1) Enforce time limits and procedural rules established by this Policy.
- 2) Provide notice and redirect speakers who stray from the subject of the agenda, or the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or Committee.
- 3) Remove or mute speakers who engage in disruptive conduct, including behavior that impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting, after appropriate warning that their behavior is disorderly and that their failure to cease such behavior may result in their removal, consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

For the purpose of this Policy, “disruptive conduct” shall mean:

- (1) Behavior during a meeting of the Board or Committee that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting;
- (2) a failure to comply with this Policy; or
- (3) Behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force that has sufficient indicia of intent and seriousness, that a reasonable observer would perceive it to be an actual threat of use of force by person making the threat.

This Policy supports open, lawful public comment and does not restrict the public’s right to express criticism or viewpoints regarding the Board, its committees, staff, or the department.

F. Signs and Symbolic Materials: Members of the public may bring objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, to meetings of the Board or its committees, subject to the following restrictions:

1) Size and Construction – No object shall be larger than two feet by three feet. No sticks, posts, poles, or similar items shall be attached to any sign or symbolic material. Items may not create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.

2) Display and Conduct – Persons displaying signs or symbolic materials must remain seated while doing so and may not raise items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the conduct of the meeting.

3) Prohibited Items – Objects deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or to facility infrastructure are not permitted. ORS staff and building security are authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the meeting room if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. This restriction does not apply to firearms carried by active or retired law enforcement officers authorized to carry under applicable law. All other weapons, dangerous materials, and items unrelated to the meeting that create a safety or security concern are prohibited.

4) Prohibited Obscenity – Images or content of lewd material depicting sexual acts shall not be permitted.

Exceptions to the Board's Public Comment Policy may be made in the discretion of and by direction of the Chair.

Failure to comply with the City's Code of Conduct and the Board's Public Comment Policy will disturb, disrupt, or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting and may result in removal from the meeting.