

**VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

**DISABILITY MEETING**

**March 3, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS  
PRESENT:**

Tracy Towner, Chair, Safety Employee Member  
William W. Wilson, Vice Chair, Public Member  
Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Joseph Henderson, Public Member  
Mike Sedell, Public Member  
Tom Johnston, General Employee Member  
Deanna McCormick, General Employee Member  
Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member  
Will Hoag, Alternate Retiree Member  
Chris Johnston, Alternate Safety Employee Member

**DIRECTORS  
ABSENT:**

Peter C. Foy, Public Member

**STAFF  
PRESENT:**

Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator  
Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel  
Stephanie Caiazza and Chris Ayala, Interim Clerk of the Board  
Donna Edwards, Retirement Benefits Specialist  
Chantell Garcia, Retirement Benefits Specialist

**PLACE:**

Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association  
Second Floor Boardroom  
1190 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93003

**TIME:**

9:00 a.m.

**ITEM:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Towner called the Disability Meeting of March 3, 2014, to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the Agenda.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell,  
Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Business Meeting of February 24, 2014.

Mr. Goulet requested that the Minutes be corrected on Master Page 11, XIII.  
SACR's to SACRS.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes, as amended.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell,  
Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

IV. RECEIVE AND FILE PENDING DISABILITY APPLICATION STATUS  
REPORT

MOTION: Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell,  
Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.



V. APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

A. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Abraham De Leon; Case No. 13-016.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on February 21, 2014.

Stephen D. Roberson was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management along with Paul Hilburn. David G. Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present representing the applicant. The applicant, Abraham De Leon, was also present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Abraham De Leon, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

B. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Michael A. Erickson; Case No. 13-003.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on February 20, 2014.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. Anthony R. Strauss, Attorney at Law, was representing the applicant. The applicant, Michael A. Erickson, was also present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Michael A. Erickson, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

C. Consider Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement; Kelly Ryan; Case No. 13-021. Consider

1. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on February 21, 2014.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, Kelly Ryan, was present.

After statements by both parties and discussion by the Board, the following Motion was made.

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Kelly Ryan, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

MOTION: Appointment of alternative job classification Office Assistant III and differential to be paid by VCERA, pursuant to Government Code Section 31725.5.



Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of  
Fact and Conclusions of Law.

D. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability  
Retirement; Cheryl M. Means; Case No. 13-020.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement  
and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on February 19, 2014.

Emy Russell was present representing the Superior Court.  
The applicant, Cheryl M. Means, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Cheryl M. Means, a service  
connected disability retirement.

Moved by T. Johnston, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

Both parties agreed to waive Preparation of Findings of  
Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hearing Officer Recommendation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.**

After an update by the Interim Retirement Administrator and  
recommendation to enter into contract with Ernest Gould, the  
following Motion was made:



MOTION: Offer Mr. Gould a position on the Hearing Officer Panel.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ventura County Employees' Retirement Information System (VCERIS) Project Change Orders; Brian Colker, Linea Solutions and Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator.

1. Vitech Change Order
2. MBS Change Order
3. Linea Change Order
4. Recommendation to utilize Linea Solutions resources for VCERIS (PAS) project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.**

After discussion by the Board and Staff, the following Motion was made:

MOTION: Approve MBS and Linea Change orders, with amended "not to exceed" clause included in the Linea change order.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick, Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

MOTION: Revise Vitech Change Order, Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member; Brian Colker, Linea to work together on modification, with issue tabled until the business meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

- B. Options for Board Member Claim Processing; Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator. Recommendation to have Auditor Controller process Board Member Claims.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.**

MOTION: To have Auditor Controller process the Board Member Stipends.

Moved by, Goulet, seconded by, Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.

- C. Request from County Executive Office to conduct studying regarding impacts of Pension Initiative (Letter dated 02/28/2014).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.**

Board heard comments from Jim McDermott, representing the Committee for Pension Fairness.

After discussion by the Board and Staff, the following Motion was made:

MOTION: To offer no objections for County Executive Office contracting with The Segal Consulting for actuarial services.

Moved by, Goulet, seconded by, Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Hintz, T. Johnston, Henderson, McCormick,  
Wilson, Sedell, Towner.

No: -

Absent: Foy.



VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. RREEF Conference
- B. UBS Conference

IX. STAFF COMMENT

Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator; offered that monthly stipends for January and February will be processed for those Board Members affected. Also for those attending the Manatt conference, there have been preparations made to meet with Black Rock Institutional Trust Company on Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member, and Chris Johnston, Alternate Safety Employee Member requested that bookmarks be included from now on in the electronic agenda packets.

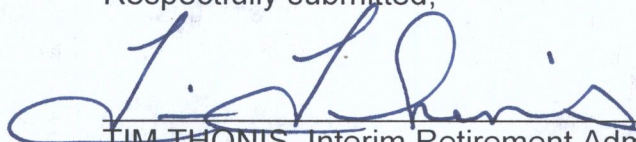
Mr. Goulet also questioned on why the monthly PAS Report was missing from the aforementioned agenda. Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator; stated that there was no PAS report in the agenda due to Brian Colker being on Paternity Leave and Kim Zierath out due to illness.

Mr. Thonis also stated that the monthly PAS Report will be included as part of the Business Meeting, scheduled for March 17, 2014.

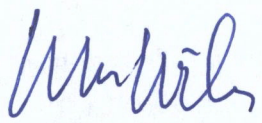
XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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TIM THONIS, Interim Retirement Administrator

Approved,

  
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William W. Wilson, Vice Chairman