

VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DISABILITY MEETING

January 6, 2014

MINUTES

DIRECTORS Tracy Towner, Chair, Safety Employee Member
PRESENT: 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 Peter C. Foy, Public Member
ABSENT:

STAFF Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator
PRESENT: Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel
Glenda Jackson, Clerk of the Board
Angie Tolentino, 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 January 6, 2014, to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the Agenda.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Business Meeting of December 16, 2013.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Goulet.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

IV. RECEIVE AND FILE PENDING DISABILITY APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

V. APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

A. Consider Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement;
Gregory D. Danko; Case No. 13-025.

1. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement and
Supporting Documentation.

2. Hearing Notice served on December 27, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk

Management. David G. Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present representing the applicant. The applicant, Gregory D. Danko, was not present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Gregory D. Danko, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

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

B. Consider Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement; Glenn R. Bledsoe; Case No. 13-027.

Trustee Sedell arrived at 9:03 a.m.

1. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on December 18, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, Glenn R. Bledsoe, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Glenn R. Bledsoe, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -
Absent: Foy

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

C. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; Joe A. Martinez III; Case No. 11-028.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on December 18, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. David G. Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present representing the applicant. The applicant, Joe A. Martinez III, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Joe A. Martinez III, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -
Absent: Foy

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

D. Consider Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement; Armando E. Serrano; Case No. 13-028.

1. Application for Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on December 19, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk

Management. The applicant, Armando E. Serrano, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Armando E. Serrano, a non-service connected disability retirement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

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

E. Consider Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; James Waldron; Case No. 13-012.

1. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on December 24, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. The applicant, James Waldron, was not present.

After discussion by the Board, the matter was continued to February 3, 2014.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Continue this item to February 3, 2014.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

F. Consider Application for Non-Service and Service Connected Disability Retirement; Traci Salmon; Case No. 13-011.

1. Application for Non-Service and Service Connected Disability Retirement and Supporting Documentation.
2. Hearing Notice served on December 24, 2013.

Paul Hilburn was present representing the County of Ventura Risk Management. David G. Schumaker, Attorney at Law, was present representing the applicant. The applicant, Traci Salmon, was present.

Both parties declined to make statements.

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: Grant the applicant, Traci Salmon, a service connected disability retirement.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by Sedell.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

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

G. Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement; David J. Nadon; Case No. 11-008.

1. Letter to the Board Re Distribution of Record to Board members under Government Code section 31534(b), and Notice of Setting of Hearing on February 3, 2014, for Consideration of Application for Service Connected Disability Retirement, Submitted by Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator, Dated January 6, 2014.
2. All other evidence received by the Hearing Officer.

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

MOTION: Receive and File the Record and Set a Hearing for February 3, 2014.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

VI. STANDING ITEM

- A. Review Monthly PAS (VCERIS) Report for November 2013.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.

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

MOTION: Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Sedell.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Staff Update on Hearing Officer Search. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and File.**

After an update by the Retirement Administrator, the following Motion was
made:

MOTION: Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

- B. IRS Tax Determination Update. **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and
File.**

After an update by the Retirement Administrator, and discussion by the Board, the following Motion was made:

MOTION: Receive and file the Report.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried

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

No: -

Absent: Foy

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. STAFF COMMENT

None.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Chair Towner updated the Board on the search for a new Retirement Administrator and asked that Trustees interested in serving on the Personnel Committee notify him. Trustees Will Hoag, Chris Johnston and Mike Sedell indicated willingness to serve on the Committee.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



TIM THONIS, Interim Retirement Administrator

Approved,



TRACY TOWNER, Chairman