

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF RETIREMENT  
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, July 15, 2024  
9:30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Tagaloa called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present in Person: Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Richard Oates; Arthur Hidalgo; Wayne Lindholm; Roger Hilton; Chris Prevatt; Shawn Dewane; Shari Freidenrich.

Also Present: Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Manuel Serpa, General Counsel; Kwame Addo, Director of Compliance; Will Tsao, Director of EPMO; Cynthia Hockless, Director of HR; Nicole McIntosh; Director of Disability; Jenny Sadoski, Director of IT; Joon Kim, Staff Attorney; Anthony Beltran, Audio-Visual Technician; Marielle Horst, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Paul Angelo and Todd Tauzer, Segal; Mayak Chin, ReedSmith.

Absent: Charles Packard; Jeremy Vallone.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**BENEFITS**

**C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION**

**Recommendation:** Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- Randy Black

**ADMINISTRATION**

**C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

**MOTION** by Mr. Dewane, **seconded** by Mr. Oates, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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**DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA**

**9:30 AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Disability Committee Recommendations:**

**NONE**

**B. CEO Recommendations:**

**DC-1: JAKE BUENDIA**

Sr. Accounting Clerk, Transportation Corridor Agencies (General)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant non service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 22, 2022.

**DC-2: JOHN CHEDISTER**

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as November 1, 2023.

**DC-3: MARK EIDE**

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 24, 2023.

**DC-4: YOLANDA HERNANDEZ-OBILLO**

Staff Specialist, Orange County Healthcare Agency (General)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member’s decision not to join the application process initiated by the employer.

**DC-5: MARC MOORE**

Fire Battalion Chief, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 24, 2023.

**DC-6: LEONARD OJEDA**

Park Maintenance Worker I, Orange County Community Resources (General)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member’s decision not to join the application process initiated by the employer.

**DC-7: RAUL RAMALHO**

Fire Apparatus Engineer, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 24, 2023.

**DC-8: EVELYN RANSON**

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority (General)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as June 21, 2020.

**DC-9: THOMAS RIVAS**

Firefighter, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Deny service and non-service connected disability retirement without prejudice due to the member’s decision not to join the application process initiated by the employer.

**DC-10: PAUL SCHAFF**

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff’s Department (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 10, 2023.

**DC-11: GEORGE TISCARENO**

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff’s Department (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as July 29, 2022.

**MOTION** by Mr. Dewane, **seconded** by Mr. Prevatt, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A-2 ALAMEDA IMPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF OCDA AND OCSD COVERED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION**

*Presentation by Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations, OCERS*

**Recommendation:**

1. Make a system-wide exception pursuant to Section 4 of the Overpaid and Underpaid Plan Contributions Policy, by collecting any applicable interest associated with an ongoing payment plan from the Employer through the actuarial Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) process and not from the member directly, and;
2. Direct the CEO to offer to extend the time-period for a member’s installment payment to a period not exceeding the expected life expectancy of the member as determined by the actuary pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Overpaid and Underpaid Plan Contributions Policy.

**MOTION** by Mr. Oates, **seconded** by Mr. Hilton, to approve staff recommendations with the following addition:

OCERS is responding to a change in policy after December 20, 2022, where the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution positively impacting the retirement benefits of some AOCDS members, specifically Peace Officers and Supervising Peace Officers with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and the Orange County District Attorney’s Office.

Ms. Freidenrich requested clarification on which rate group this affects, and if this would be spread over the UAAL through the County and plan sponsors. Ms. Jenike confirmed that this is specific to the County, and Rate Group 7.

Mr. Lindholm clarified that the county required an additional \$75,000 for 20 years is not a total cost impact to the UAAL. The total contributions and interest refund increases to \$1.5 million, not \$1.03 million on the Payment Plan Accrued Interest. Ms. Jenike noted the amounts in the letters are the maximum amount if everyone takes a lifetime expectancy payment.

Mr. Lindholm sought clarification on the payment plan. Ms. Jenike explained these dollars are associated with the contributions of on-call or K-9 pay that we refunded and will be collected back as part of the repayment plan.

The motion passed, under the following vote:

**AYES**

Mr. Dewane  
Ms. Freidenrich  
Mr. Hidalgo  
Mr. Hilton

Mr. Oates  
Mr. Prevatt

**NAYS**

Mr. Lindholm

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

Mr. Packard  
Mr. Vallone

Chair Tagaloa

**A-3 CONSIDERATION OF EARLY PAYMENT OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR- 2025-2026**

*Presentation by Brenda Shott, Asst. Chief Executive Officer, Internal Operations and Molly Murphy, Chief Investment Officer, CFA, OCERS*

**Recommendation:** Approve the terms of a prepayment discount program for the advance payment of employer contributions, including a 7.0% discount rate to be used for contribution year July 2025 through June 2026.

**MOTION** by Mr. Oates, **seconded** by Ms. Lindholm, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**A-4 OUTCOMES FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2024**

*Presentation by Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations, OCERS*

**Recommendation:** The Personnel Committee recommends the Board adopt the following:

1. Approve the addition of a total of 1 new position to the Member and Employer Relations (MER) section of Member Services.

**MOTION** by Mr. Dewane, **seconded** by Ms. Lindholm, to approve staff recommendations.

Ms. Freidenrich commented that she prefers to empower supervisors over hiring additional staff. Mr. Oates voiced that his vote will remain consistent with his previous vote on the Personnel Committee. Ms. Tagaloa commented that it is difficult to have 22 employees under one supervisor, thus she supports the recommendation. Mr. Hilton and Mr. Prevatt both provided their insights on their support of the recommendation.

The motion passed, under the following vote:

| <b><u>AYES</u></b> | <b><u>NAYS</u></b> | <b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b> | <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> |
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| Mr. Dewane         |                    |                       |                      |
|                    | Ms. Freidenrich    |                       |                      |
| Mr. Hidalgo        |                    |                       |                      |
| Mr. Hilton         |                    |                       |                      |
| Mr. Lindholm       |                    |                       |                      |
|                    | Mr. Oates          |                       |                      |
| Mr. Prevatt        |                    |                       |                      |
|                    |                    |                       | Mr. Packard          |
|                    |                    |                       | Mr. Vallone          |

Chair Tagaloa

*The Board recessed for break at 10:22 a.m.*

*The Board reconvened from break at 10:35 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Each of the following informational items will be presented to the Board for discussion.

**I-1 ILLUSTRATIONS OF RETIREMENT COSTS, UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY AND FUNDED RATIO UNDER ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT RETURN SCENARIOS**

*Presentation by Segal*

Mr. Angelo and Mr. Tauzer presented their findings to the Board. Ms. Freidenrich would like to see what projections were used in 2013 and how they have changed from where OCERS is today. Mr. Angelo noted that this information might not be as useful as some may assume but would be happy to provide it at a future date.

**I-2 ACTUARIAL RISK ASSESSMENT BASED ON THE DECEMBER 31, 2023 ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

*Presentation by Segal*

The Board thanked Mr. Angelo for his service to OCERS and congratulated him on his retirement.

**I-3 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN**

*Presentation by Manuel Serpa, General Counsel, OCERS*

**I-5 BOARD MEMBER IPAD DEPLOYMENT**

*Presentation by Jenny Sadoski, Director of Information Technology, OCERS*

*Mr. Dewane and Mr. Lindolm departed at 11:30 a.m.*

**I-4 AB 1234 TRAINING - CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT TRAINING**

*Presentation by Manuel Serpa, General Counsel, OCERS*

*The Board adjourned to closed session at 12:11 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**E-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

*Morell v. Board of Retirement for Orange County Employees' Retirement System; Case No. B331080 (Superior Court No. 22STCP02345)*

**Recommendation:** Take appropriate action.

**E-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))**

One potential case

**Recommendation:** Take appropriate action.

*The Board returned from closed session at 12:51 p.m.*

*The Recording Secretary did not administer Roll Call attendance but noted the attendance of Ms. Freidenrich, Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Oates, Mr. Prevatt, and Chair Tagaloa.*

Mr. Serpa reported no reportable action was taken during closed session.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

The following are written reports that will not be discussed unless a member of the Board requests discussion.

**R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

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| Application Notices | July 15, 2024 |
| Death Notices       | July 15, 2024 |

**R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- April 2024- Personnel Committee Minutes

**R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2024 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN**

Written Report

**R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

Written Report

**R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Report

**R-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Written Report

**R-7 OCERS TRAVEL POLICY APPROVED CONFERENCES LIST**

Written Report

**R-8 2024 OCERS STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP – DRAFT AGENDA**

Written Report

**R-9 CONTRACT STATUS FOR NAMED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Written Report

**R-10 UPDATE BOARD ELECTIONS: SAFETY MEMBER, ALTERNATE SAFETY MEMBER AND GENERAL MEMBER**

Written Report

**R-11 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW OF OCERS BOARD 2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Written Report

**CIO COMMENTS-** None


**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS-** Mr. Delaney informed the Board that OCERS received 112 applications for the Assistant CEO of External Operations position. They are currently working on the interviews of the candidates for the replacement of Ms. Jenike.

**COUNSEL COMMENTS-** None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-** None

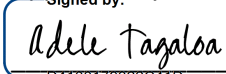
Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:56 p.m. in memory of active members, retired members, and surviving spouses who passed away this passed month.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

Signed By:  


Adele Tagaloa  
Chairperson