

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY PENSIONS

The Ad Hoc Committee on Disability Pensions met in the Sam Diannitto Boardroom, located at the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Building, 701 East 3rd Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles 90013 on Thursday, December 19, 2019.

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Garrett Zimmon, Chair
 Brian Pendleton, Vice Chair
 Ruben Navarro
 Paul Weber

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: Ken Buzzell
 Adam Nathanson

AD HOC COMMITTEE
SUPPORT STAFF: Joseph Salazar, Assistant General Manager

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS: Raymond P. Ciranna, General Manager
 Rhonda Ketay, Commission Executive Assistant

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Joshua Geller, Deputy City Attorney

The Ad Hoc Committee will be noted as a Special Board meeting since a quorum of the Board was present. Commissioner Zimmon called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. All the above Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

Chair Zimmon gave a brief overview of the items on today's agenda.

1. DISCUSSION ON THE DISABILITY RATING WORKSHEET AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

Ms. Kristen Rosauer, Senior Management Analyst I, and Ms. Lee Tsubaki, Management Analyst, Disability Pensions Section presented the report to the Committee. Ms. Corinna Lee, LAPPL and Mr. Joseph Salazar, Assistant General Manager, Pensions Division joined Ms. Rosauer and Ms. Tsubaki at the table to answer questions from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed weight bearing stress on the body from wearing a Sam Browne

equipment belt, and other duty related issues with Ms. Corina Lee, LAPPL. Commissioner Buzzell suggested that discussions regarding disability rating sheets for nonservice-connected disabilities (NIOD) should include the employee bargaining units. Commissioner Navarro stated that he is not in favor of a separate NIOD rating sheet. Mr. Joseph Salazar, Assistant General Manager, Pensions Division advised that a separate rating sheet is unnecessary, and that an additional column in the current rating sheet would suffice. Commissioner Weber discussed the application process with Mr. Salazar.

Motion

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Committee direct staff to meet with the active member bargaining units to discuss the addition of a nonservice-connected disability rating scale to the Disability Rating Worksheet, which was seconded by Commissioner Weber and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Navarro, Pendleton, Weber, and Chair Zimmon – 4; nays – none.

2. DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY PENSIONS WITH OVERDUE BOARD-ORDERED REVIEWS AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

Ms. Kristen Rosauer, Senior Management Analyst I, and Ms. Lee Tsubaki, Management Analyst, Disability Pensions Section presented the report to the Committee.

Motion

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that the scheduled reviews for the list of disability pensioners, which are now overdue, should be cancelled at this time. However, nothing herein will preclude the Board or the disability pensioners from requesting a review of their disability status in the future, pursuant to the Los Angeles City Charter or Administrative Code, which was seconded by Commissioner Pendleton and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Navarro, Pendleton, Weber, and Chair Zimmon – 4; nays – none.

3. VERBAL DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY HEARINGS AND TESTIMONY

The Commissioners discussed having an education session for the Board on what constitutes job related mental health issues. General Manager Ciranna suggested that the Board move forward with requiring a list of witnesses from the disability pension applicant/his or her representative at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Chair Zimmon directed staff and the City Attorney's Office to bring back a list of records the Board can request in the disability hearing process.

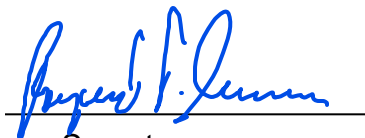
4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

There were no public comments.

The Ad Hoc Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary