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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

August 8, 2001

Members Present: Lyn Bettencourt, Nick Blom, Kent Crawford, Maria De Anda, Wes Hall, Al Sarina, Virgil Thompson and Tom Watson

Members Absent: Steve Yauch

Others Present: Robert Harmon, Victoria Halliday, Karen Gonzales and Patrick McTighe

1. Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairman Lyn Bettencourt

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Victoria Halliday informed the board that Sergeant John Hallford sends his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting today.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Nick Blom to approve the following items as listed with the following corrections to the Regular Session minutes of July 24, 2001. Indicate Vice-Chairman instead of Co-Chairman, correct spelling of the word derivatives on page 2 item d and removing Tom Watson's name as Secretary as he did not attend this meeting and is unable to sign.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the July 24, 2001 Regular Session Minutes.

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810

1. Mario Garza, Parks Department, Effective 08-01-01
2. Charlotte Logan, Animal Services, Effective 07-21-01
3. Diane Oliver, Employment and Training, Effective 08-09-01
4. Dorlene Salazar, Health Services Agency, Effective 08-10-01

4. **CONSENT ITEMS** - Continued

c. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) - Section 31700

1. Raquel Corona, Mental Health, Effective 07-13-01
2. David K. Day, Sheriff, Effective 06-29-01
3. Kelli Garcia, CSA, Effective 09-07-00
4. Vaughn Jeffries, Health Services Agency, Effective 08-13-01
5. Jerome Mack, Sheriff, Effective 06-28-01
6. John T. Mercurio, Sheriff, Effective 07-24-01
7. Kathleen Palmisano, Superior Court, Effective 07-20-01

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

Standing Committees

a. Retirement Benefits Committee - Wes Hall, Chairman

Patrick McTighe gave a brief presentation on the proposed changes in the health insurance plans for the upcoming year. As our broker he is trying to expand our pallet of options by adding a group supplemental plan. Since National Health Plans has discontinued their plan and there will not be any Medicare coverage for our members which impacts our community, Patrick believes that adding a group supplemental plan with moderate premiums, a full prescription plan and the availability to access most physicians will benefit our members.

Wes Hall also gave an update of the benefits committee meeting and motioned to make three changes to the current plan. Virgil Thompson requested the board discuss each suggested change separately.

Wes Hall motioned and Nick Blom seconded to obtain the Pacificare Senior Supplemental Plan G with a 10-25-35 Prescription option.

Motion Carried.

Virgil Thompson motioned and Al Sarina seconded to table the issue of discontinuing the present \$5,000 Life Insurance plan currently offered to new retirees' until further information is received or an alternate plan is chosen.

Motion Carried.

Nick Blom motioned and Al Sarina seconded to increase the health insurance benefit with a 5% cost of living increase for a maximum benefit of \$360 per month, effective January 1, 2002.

Motion carried.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

Standing Committees

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- b. By-Laws Revision Committee - Steve Yauch, Chairman

No report

- c. Due Diligence Committee - Wes Hall, Chairman

Wes Hall, Chairman has requested staff prepare a listing of past Due Diligence visits in order to schedule future trips.

- d. Education Committee - Virgil Thompson, Chairman

Virgil Thompson presented written minutes of the Educational committee meeting of the July 24, 2001.

It was noted that two staff members have already been approved to attend the Guns and Hoses conference. Virgil Thompson motioned and Nick Blom seconded not to approve Lyn Bettencourt to attend the Guns and Hoses Conference to be held in Las Vegas due to his imminent departure from the board.

Motion carried.

Lyn Bettencourt, Wes Hall and Tom Watson opposed.

Tom Watson presented a written executive summary report for the Asilomar Advanced Retirement Trustee Training to the board members. Tom stated that this was an intense college level training with a lot of concepts to take in within a small amount of time. He stated that the complete Asilomar Training binder will be in the Association library if anyone was interested in reviewing it.

- e. Independence Committee - Al Sarina, Chairman

Robert Harmon informed the Board that the Board of Supervisors agenda item for hiring the full time administrator did not go on the August 7, 2001 agenda as submitted.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

Standing Committees

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- f. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee - Maria DeAnda, Chairman

Maria DeAnda reviewed the minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2001 and updated the Board on the progress the committee has made. She stated that the changes in Article IX of the bylaws were pending review by our attorneys and County Counsel and that Steve Yauch, chairperson of the By-Laws revision committee was in attendance at the last meeting and was very helpful. The committee has discussed possible changes in medical records copying and was informed that the County Purchasing department didn't have any contacts for private copy service. Rules of confidentiality were reviewed and there will be no issues of liability as copy service contracts of confidentiality would be signed. She stated that retirement division staff is in the process of updating the disability forms and the new forms would be reviewed at the next meeting of September 10, 2001.

6. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Nick Blom and seconded by Al Sarina to adjourn to closed session at 3:20 p.m.

Closed Session Findings:

After returning to regular session at 3:55 p.m., Tom Watson, Administrator, read the findings of the closed session:

The application of Thomas Bright II for a service connected disability retirement was approved effective August 6, 2000 with appropriate medical call back at the discretion of the Administration.

Victoria Halliday gave an update on the Ventura Litigation.

7. **MEMBERS FORUM (Information and Future Agenda Requests Only)**

A request was made from Virgil Thompson to include authorization for staff and trustees to attend the Public Forum Board Conference on the next Administrative meeting agenda on September 12, 2001.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Secretary
Board of Retirement

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK
County Counsel

Victoria Halliday, Deputy County Counsel