



## Board of Administration

# Agenda Item 8a6

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**April 18, 2023**

**Item Name:** Proposed Decision – In the Matter of the Appeal of Downward Adjustment of Retirement Benefit and Collection of Overpayment of BEATRIZ A. URIOSTIGUE, Respondent.

**Program:** Retirement Benefit Services Division

**Item Type:** Action

### **Parties' Positions**

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should adopt the Proposed Decision, as modified. Respondent Beatriz A. Uriostigue's (Respondent) position is included in Attachment C, if any.

### **Strategic Plan**

This item is not a specific product of either the Strategic or Annual Plans. The determination of administrative appeals is a power reserved to the Board of Administration.

### **Procedural Summary**

From July 2017 to May 2019, the City of Poway reported Respondent's time as 60 hours per week rather than the correct 40 hours per week. Upon becoming aware of the City's mistake, CalPERS determined that the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) required Respondent's time to be adjusted to the correct 40 hours per week. In addition, as a result of the adjustment, Respondent owed an overpayment of retirement benefits totaling \$13,914.84. Respondent submitted an appeal to this determination, and the matter was heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings on February 9, 2023. A Proposed Decision was issued on March 15, 2023, affirming CalPERS' determination and denying the appeal.

### **Alternatives**

- A. For use if the Board decides to modify and adopt the Proposed Decision as its own Decision:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, pursuant to Government Code section 11517, subdivision (c)(2)(C) which authorizes the Board to "make technical or other minor changes in the proposed decision," hereby modifies the Proposed Decision, by correcting the following citations: Replace the citations to Government Code section "2160" to the correct citation of "20160" on page 6 paragraph 17, and on page 17 paragraph 12 of the Proposed Decision, and correct the retirement date of "July 2021" with the correct retirement date of "July 2019" on page 8

paragraph 3 of the Proposed Decision, and hereby adopts as its own Decision the Proposed Decision dated March 15, 2023, as modified, concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue; RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board Decision shall be effective 30 days following mailing of the Decision.

B. For use if the Board decides to adopt the Proposed Decision as its own Decision:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System hereby adopts as its own Decision the Proposed Decision dated March 15, 2023, concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue; RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board Decision shall be effective 30 days following mailing of the Decision.

C. For use if the Board decides not to adopt the Proposed Decision, and to decide the case upon the record:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated March 15, 2023, concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and determines to decide the matter itself, based upon the record produced before the Administrative Law Judge and such additional evidence and arguments that are presented by the parties and accepted by the Board; RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board's Decision shall be made after notice is given to all parties.

D. For use if the Board decides to remand the matter back to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the taking of further evidence:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated March 15, 2023, concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and refers the matter back to the Administrative Law Judge for the taking of additional evidence as specified by the Board at its meeting.

E. Precedential Nature of Decision (two alternatives; either may be used):

1. For use if the Board wants further argument on the issue of whether to designate its Decision as precedential:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System requests the parties in the matter concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue, as well as interested parties, to submit written argument regarding whether the Board's Decision in this matter should be designated as precedential, and that the Board will consider the issue whether to designate its Decision as precedential at a time to be determined.

2. For use if the Board decides to designate its Decision as precedential, without further argument from the parties.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereby designates as precedential its Decision concerning the appeal of Beatriz A. Uriostigue.

**Budget and Fiscal Impacts:** Not applicable

**Attachments**

Attachment A: Proposed Decision

Attachment B: Staff's Argument

Attachment C: Respondent(s) Argument(s)

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