



## **Agenda Item 9a**

November 19, 2014

**ITEM NAME:** Petition for Reconsideration -- In the Matter of the Appeal Regarding Health Benefits Coverage of RONALD HIGH, Respondent.

**PROGRAM:** Customer Account Services Division

**ITEM TYPE:** Action

### **PARTIES' POSITIONS**

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should deny the Petition for Reconsideration.

Respondent argues that the Board of Administration should grant the Petition for Reconsideration.

### **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**

Respondent Ronald High enrolled in CalPERS healthcare. Upon review, CalPERS staff determined an error occurred in the calculation of Respondent's service credit, which negates Respondent's eligibility to receive the employer contribution of 50 percent of the cost of his post-retirement health benefits. Respondent filed an appeal of this determination and the matter was heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings on July 3, 2014. A Proposed Decision was issued on August 5, 2014, denying Respondent's appeal.

The Board, at its September 17, 2014 meeting, adopted the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge, denying Respondent's appeal. Respondent submitted a Petition for Reconsideration.

A Stay of Execution in the above matter has been granted so that the Petition for Reconsideration may be presented to the Board.

Respondent has been notified of the date of the Board meeting and of his opportunity to submit written argument in advance of the Board meeting on November 19, 2014.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- A. For use if the Board decides to deny the Petition for Reconsideration:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System denies the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Ronald High concerning the Board's decision of September 17, 2014; the Board's Decision of September 17, 2014, is effective immediately and the Respondent has 30 days to appeal to the courts.

- B. For use if the Board decides to grant the Petition for Reconsideration and decide the matter upon the record. A transcript of the hearing would be provided to each Board member, and the Board would receive written and/or oral argument at a subsequent meeting and adopt a new decision upon reconsideration:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, grants the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Ronald High concerning the Board's decision dated September 17, 2014; RESOLVED FURTHER that the reconsideration shall be made at a subsequent Board meeting, after notice is given to all affected parties, 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.

- C. For use if the Board decides to grant the Petition for Reconsideration and assign the case to an Administrative Law Judge, subject to the procedures provided in Government Code section 11517. The matter would be remanded 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 grants the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Ronald High and concerning the Board's decision dated September 17, 2014; RESOLVED FURTHER that the reconsideration shall be scheduled for hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, after notice is given to all affected parties, where the administrative law judge may base his or her findings upon the record produced before the administrative law judge at prior hearing(s) and any additional evidence including written and oral argument presented by the parties as may be permitted.

**BUDGET AND FISCAL IMPACTS:** Not applicable

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A: Respondent's Petition for Reconsideration
- Attachment B: Staff's Argument
- Attachment C: Respondent's Argument
- Attachment D: Decision
- Attachment E: Proposed Decision

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