



Agenda Item 8n

June 17, 2015

ITEM NAME: Proposed Decision – In the Matter of the Application to Purchase Service Credit Prior to Membership of REZA G. ZAMANIAN, Respondent.

PROGRAM: Member Account Management Division

ITEM TYPE: Action

PARTIES' POSITIONS

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should adopt the Proposed Decision.

Respondent Reza G. Zamanian (Respondent Zamanian) argues that the Board of Administration should decline to adopt the Proposed Decision.

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

In 2013, Respondent Zamanian submitted a Request for Service Credit Cost Information for the purchase of Service Prior to Membership (SPM) for a period of employment from December 17, 1984 through June 30, 1985. CalPERS did not receive an Election to Purchase Service Credit within the 60-day timeframe available under the law. Therefore, CalPERS closed Respondent Zamanian's request to purchase SPM. Respondent Zamanian appealed this determination and the matter was heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings on March 26 and April 17, 2015. A Proposed Decision was issued on April 29, 2015, denying the application for SPM.

ALTERNATIVES

- A. 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 April 29, 2015, concerning the appeal of Reza G.

Zamanian; RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board Decision shall be effective 30 days following mailing of the Decision.

- B. 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 April 29, 2015, concerning the appeal of Reza G. Zamanian, 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.

- C. 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 April 29, 2015, concerning the appeal of Reza G. Zamanian, 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.

- D. 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 Reza G. Zamanian, 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 Reza G. Zamanian.

BUDGET AND FISCAL IMPACTS: Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Proposed Decision
- Attachment B: Staff's Argument
- Attachment C: Respondent's Argument

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