



Agenda Item 9b

February 18, 2016

ITEM NAME: Petition for Reconsideration -- In the Matter of the Reinstatement from Industrial Disability Retirement of STACY A. BRIDGES, Respondent, and CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, Respondent.

PROGRAM: Benefit Services Division

ITEM TYPE: Action

PARTIES' POSITIONS

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

Respondent (Stacy A. Bridges) 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

The Board, at its December 16, 2015, meeting, adopted the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter. The Decision denied Respondent Bridges' appeal for Industrial Disability Retirement and ordered Respondent Bridges to be reinstated to her former position as a Public Safety Dispatcher II with the California Highway Patrol.

A Stay of Execution in the above matter was granted so that the Petition for Reconsideration could be presented to the Board.

Respondent Bridges has been notified of the date of the Board meeting and of her opportunity to submit written argument in advance of the Board meeting.

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 Stacy A. Bridges concerning the Board's decision of December 16, 2015; the Board's Decision of December 16, 2015, 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 Stacy A. Bridges concerning the Board's decision dated December 16, 2015; 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 Stacy A. Bridges and concerning the Board's decision dated December 16, 2015; 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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